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Proto Labs Wins Frost & Sullivan's 2016 Manufacturing Leadership Award for Customer Value

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Interactive quoting system lifts Proto Labs to second consecutive leadership award

MAPLE PLAIN, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 7, 2016-- Prototype and low-volume production parts manufacturer Proto Labs, Inc. (NYSE: PRLB) has been awarded a Manufacturing Leadership Award for the second year in a row by corporate growth consulting firm Frost & Sullivan. Now in its 12th year, the awards honor manufacturing companies and individual manufacturing leaders shaping the future of global manufacturing.

Frost & Sullivan's Manufacturing Leadership Council — a member-driven, global business leadership network of more than 100 members — is responsible for selecting winners of the annual award. Proto Labs was recognized in the Customer Value category for its interactive quoting system that provides customers with automated design analysis on 3D CAD models. Last year, Proto Labs won for Innovation Process Leadership. Other 2016 winners in the Customer Value category include Cisco Systems, Diebold, Lexmark and Dow Chemical.

"We are extremely delighted to have been presented with another leadership award from such a respected organization as Frost & Sullivan," says Vicki Holt, Proto Labs' President and CEO. "So many of the product designers, developers and engineers who regularly work with us have praised the value and utility of our interactive quoting system with design feedback, so winning an award for customer satisfaction in this area is particularly rewarding."

The Manufacturing Leadership Summit is set to follow in Carlsbad, Calif. on June 6-9. Themed "Manufacturing 4.0: The New Rules of Leadership," the three-day event gathers industry experts to discuss challenges and new opportunities in manufacturing, and culminates in an awards gala to honor this year's winners.

About Proto Labs

Proto Labs is the world's fastest digital manufacturing source for custom prototypes and low-volume production parts. The technology-enabled company uses advanced 3D printing, CNC machining and injection molding technologies to produce parts within days. The result is an unprecedented speed-to-market value for designers and engineers and an on-demand resource throughout a product's life cycle. Visit protolabs.com for more information.

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