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Proto Labs Recognized With Leadership Award

Proto Labs presented with “Leadership in Engineering” Award for the Digital Design and Rapid Prototyping Category by readers of Design World Magazine

Maple Plain, Minn., December 15, 2009—Proto Labs, Inc. (www.protolabs.com), the global leader in quick-turn CNC machining and injection molding announced today that it has received the Design World Leadership in Engineering Award for Digital Manufacturing and Rapid Prototyping.

This year-long industry recognition event was facilitated online at www.designworldonline.com and the award recognizes engineering leadership across multiple disciplines. Nominated companies were profiled online and the engineering community voted throughout the year for the most deserving leader in each category based on their accomplishments. The winners are profiled in the January issue of Design World Magazine. Additional categories include motion control, test and measurement, software, mechanical, advanced materials, electronics and more.

“We are happy to be recognized by the Design Community as the top vote-getter for Digital Manufacturing and Rapid Prototyping,” said Brad Cleveland, Proto Labs President and CEO. “It is an honor to be recognized for our accomplishments in such a manner. We will continue to develop new innovative technology to expand our ability to provide designers with real parts, really fast.”

Proto Labs offers two quick-turn services: First Cut (www.firstcut.com) CNC machining and Protomold (www.protomold.com) injection molding, both capable of providing parts in as fast as one business day. Design Engineers who use Proto Labs for prototypes and short-run production can upload a CAD file at any one of Proto Labs online sites, get a quote and place an order for Proto Labs services directly online.

To learn more about this award, listen to the following podcast <http://bit.ly/plpodcast> in which Design World Managing Editor, Leslie Langnau speaks with Brad Cleveland about how Proto Labs earned this award and what they plan to do to keep it in the years ahead.

About Proto Labs

Proto Labs has radically changed the economics and lead times associated with low-volume production of CNC machined and injection molded parts through the use of proprietary software running on a compute cluster at over 2 trillion floating point operations per second. Proto Labs offers two services in North America, Europe and Japan: First Cut provides CNC machining and Protomold, rapid injection molding; both of which can ship parts in as little as one business day. For more information, visit: www.protolabs.com.

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