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Award Winners Announced at Gala on September 12

Troy, Mich., August 19, 2008 - Automation Alley, Michigan's largest technology business association that drives growth in Southeast Michigan's economy, announced today the finalists for its Eighth Annual Awards Gala, taking place Friday, September 12 at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

Finalists for the Gala represent the leading technology professionals and organizations in the region, including:

CEO of the Year

- Kenneth Matzick, Beaumont Hospitals (Royal Oak)
- Prabhakar Patil, Compact Power, Inc. (Troy)
- Jim Scapa, Altair Engineering (Troy)

Emerging Leader of the Year

- Dilip Dubey, CEO, Netlink (Madison Heights)
- Nabil Grace, Chair and University Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering and Director, Center for Innovative Material Research, Lawrence Technological University (Southfield)
- Kyle Schwulst, CEO and Founder, ElectroJet, Inc. (Brighton)

Automation Alley Member of the Year

- Faris Alami, CEO, Integration Systems Management, Inc. (Troy)
- Dave Biskner, COO, Biznet Internet Solutions (Wixom)
- Stephen Cassin, Executive Director, Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development, Macomb County (Mt. Clemens)

Technology Company of the Year

- Adaptive Materials, Inc. (Ann Arbor)
- ElectroJet, Inc. (Brighton)
- Trubiquity (Rochester Hills)

Emerging Technology Company of the Year

- Cielo MedSolutions LLC (Ann Arbor)
- MIST Innovations, Inc. (Detroit)
- Pure Entropy Technologies (Orion)

Educational Program of the Year

- Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation (Dearborn)
- Southeast Michigan Community College Consortium Centers of Expertise Program
- Wayne State University's Math Corps (Detroit)

Non-Profit of the Year

- Inforum (Detroit)
- JVS (Southfield)
- Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce (Rochester)

The award for Legend CEO will also be presented during the ceremony. The Legend CEO award recognizes an individual who has made life-long, pivotal contributions that influenced and helped develop Southeast Michigan's technology community. Previous winners include Charles "Chip" McClure, Gail

Torreano, Richard E. Dauch, Larry Yost, L. Brooks Patterson, J.T. Battenberg III, and Rajendra Vatikuti.

“These finalists exemplify the outstanding business talent in Southeast Michigan,” said Ken Rogers, executive director. “Each brings a tremendous amount of vision and influence to the region and we’re proud to honor their work in enhancing the technology community.”

The winners will be announced on Friday, September 12 at the Eighth Annual Awards Gala.

Sponsorships are currently available; tickets for the black tie event are \$200 for members and \$400 for non-members. For additional information, please contact the Resource Center at (800) 427-5100 or info@automationalley.com.

About Automation Alley

Automation Alley is a technology business association driving the growth and image of Southeast Michigan’s economy through a collaborative culture that focuses on workforce and business development initiatives.

Since its founding in 1999, Automation Alley has expanded to include more than 900 businesses, educational institutions and government entities, covering an eight county area and the City of Detroit. Automation Alley promotes regional prosperity through business attraction services, exporting assistance, workforce development and technology acceleration.