

Protolabs Recognized by Supply & Demand Chain Executive's with SDCE 100 Award

MAPLE PLAIN, MINN.—June 26, 2018—Supply & Demand Chain Executive has named technology-enabled manufacturer Protolabs to the publication's list of SDCE 100 Top Supply Chain Projects for 2018.

The award recognizes Protolabs for its work as a digital manufacturing supplier for HP during development of its next-generation printers. Using Protolabs' injection molding service for prototyping and low-volume bridge production, HP reduced design cycle time from a standard six to eight weeks to less than 15 days. This faster, more streamlined process is helping HP to stay atop the world's highly competitive printer market.

"We are proud to receive the SDCE 100 award for our collaboration with HP," said Rob Bodor, Protolabs' Vice President and General Manager, Americas. "It reflects the growth of our company from a quick-turn prototyping firm to a strategic digital manufacturing supplier that can serve our customers through production."

In addition to Protolabs' quick-turn capabilities, the manufacturing service provider was selected for its ability to mold parts from a custom resin developed by HP. Prototyping with the same material used in production was critical since parts would need to withstand the high temperatures generated within the printers.

"First and foremost, we want to congratulate the winners of this year's Top 100 for their successful and innovative projects," said John Yuva, editor for Supply & Demand Chain Executive. "Regardless of company size, these projects are best-in-class examples of the types of efficiencies and bottom-line results that supply chain executives should be striving toward in their own operations. Our 2018 winners provide a roadmap for how to get there."

The SDCE 100 is an annual list of 100 exceptional supply chain projects. These projects can help guide supply chain executives who are looking for new opportunities to drive improvement in their own operations.

About Protolabs

Protolabs is the world's fastest digital manufacturing source for rapid prototyping and on-demand production. The technology-enabled company produces custom parts and assemblies in as fast as 1 day with automated 3D printing, CNC machining, sheet metal fabrication, and injection molding processes. Its digital approach to manufacturing enables accelerated time to market, reduces development and production costs, and minimizes risk throughout the product life cycle. Visit protolabs.com for more information.

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