

## Protolabs Named to Supply & Demand Chain Executive's SDCE 100 Top Supply Chain Projects for 2019

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—June 25, 2019—*Supply & Demand Chain Executive* has named digital manufacturer Protolabs a recipient of its 2019 SDCE 100 Award, which recognizes top supply chain projects each year. Protolabs was selected for its work as a technology-enabled manufacturing supplier during the development of medical device company HemoSonics' life-saving blood clot analysis machines.

“We are proud of the work we've done with HemoSonics and honored to be recognized by Supply & Demand Chain Executive,” said Rob Bodor, Protolabs Vice President and General Manager, Americas. “The health care industry is one of the largest segments we serve, and our work for HemoSonics highlights a key advantage Protolabs provides to product developers: speed to market.”

With manufacturing help from Protolabs, HemoSonics was able to be first to market with its Quantra® QPlus System for measuring the stiffness of blood clots through ultra-sound imaging technology. “Protolabs was able to quickly produce custom parts in a number of processes; other suppliers were not able to meet HemoSonics' challenging deadlines,” said Andy Homyk, senior engineer at HemoSonics. “Without the help of Protolabs, this product would not be delivering revenue at a critical juncture for the company.” The company's launch in Europe was met with positive results, and HemoSonics announced in March that the FDA has granted de novo authorization in the United States.

This year marks the second consecutive year that Protolabs has been awarded SDCE 100 honors. The company was [recognized in 2018 for its work with HP](#) to reduce design cycle time by nearly 75 percent. The award-winning projects can serve as a map for supply chain executives who are looking for new opportunities to drive improvement in their own operations. They also demonstrate how supply chain solution and service providers help their customers and clients achieve supply chain excellence and prepare their supply chains for success.

“Every year our list of submissions for the SDCE 100 continues to grow as more companies rely on the expertise of supply management for innovative decision-making. Our winners raise the bar for what is achievable in the supply chain,” said John R. Yuva, editor for Supply & Demand Chain Executive. “With a variety of company sizes and industry sectors represented, our Top 100 are leading examples for how to approach and solve supply chain challenges. Congratulations to our 2019 winners and the projects that delivered greater operational efficiencies and bottom-line results across the supply chain.”

### 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](http://protolabs.com) for more information.

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