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Proto Labs Wins Frost & Sullivan Manufacturing Leadership Award for Third Straight Year

MAPLE PLAIN, MINN.—March 2, 2017—Proto Labs Inc. (NYSE: PRLB), a leading online and technology-enabled quick-turn manufacturer, has been awarded a 2017 Manufacturing Leadership Award by corporate growth consulting firm Frost & Sullivan. The awards honor companies and individuals shaping the future of global manufacturing.

Proto Labs was recognized in the Talent Leadership Management category for its progress towards developing a workforce with the skills needed in the Manufacturing 4.0 era. The company's talent development initiative includes competitive wages and benefits, opportunities for fast growth, a flexible and open work environment, a tuition reimbursement program, management training programs, and community STEM support through donations and other opportunities.

"We are thrilled to be recognized by Frost & Sullivan as a leader in digital manufacturing," said Vicki Holt, Proto Labs' President and CEO. "Proto Labs' continued success depends on hiring and retaining top industry talent. It not only helps us serve our customers more effectively, but also cultivates the next generation of manufacturing leaders."

Proto Labs will be recognized at the 13th Annual Manufacturing Leadership Awards Gala, which is to be held on the last day of the Manufacturing Leadership Summit, June 12-14, 2017 in Huntington Beach, CA. For more information on the Manufacturing Leadership Awards or the Manufacturing Leadership Summit, visit www.mlsummit.com.

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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