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RSL Fiber Systems Captures Second Straight Hi-Tech Growth Award

Company is Once Again Connecticut's Fastest Growing Advanced Manufacturer

East Hartford, CT (September 29, 2011) – Ten years after beginning his business in a Coventry, Conn., research and development facility that doubled as his garage, Giovanni Tomasi and his team at RSL Fiber Systems, LLC are realizing the fruits of their labor.

On Tuesday evening, the East Hartford-based developer of advanced lighting solutions and integrated illumination systems for the U.S. Navy and other demanding military and commercial applications, was named the fastest growing advanced manufacturer in Connecticut for the second consecutive year. RSL was one of six category winners cited by the Connecticut Technology Council and Marcum LLP at the annual Connecticut Tech Top 40 awards gala at the Oakdale Theater in Wallingford.

“Being honored in this distinguished fashion never gets old,” said Tomasi. “We have accomplished much in our 10 years, but the exciting thing for RSL Fiber Systems is that the potential for our company and this technology is unlimited.”

“We owe this great success, both present and future, to the outstanding team of professionals we are so fortunate to have.”

RSL’s remote source lighting technology is unique in that it can safely deliver high-performance, low-maintenance light generated in one location over long distances via fiber optic cable. The company gained a foothold in the military market in 2003 with a contract to install advanced lighting systems aboard the U.S. Navy’s LPD 17 class ships. In 2007, RSL was awarded a contract to provide advanced lighting systems for the Navy’s newest stealth destroyer, the DDG 1000, which is presently in development.

This year the company’s success spread to the overseas market with a contract award from Italian shipbuilder Fincantieri to provide fiber optic lighting systems for the Italian Navy’s FREMM Class frigates. RSL, presently in the midst of expanding into new markets including mining, petrochemical, renewable energy and first responders/homeland security, earned the 2010 North American Technology Innovation of the Year Award in Remote Source Lighting, presented by internationally-renowned research leader Frost & Sullivan.