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Proto Labs Recognized as a Top Workplace in Minnesota

MAPLE PLAIN, Minn. – June 20, 2011 – [Proto Labs](#), Inc. has been named one of the Top 100 Workplaces in Minnesota by the *Star Tribune*. Each year, the *Star Tribune* recognizes the most progressive companies in Minnesota that focus their efforts on employee retention and engagement. Proto Labs was ranked No. 8 in the mid-sized employers' category.

"Being named one of the top workplaces in Minnesota is a great honor for us," said Brad Cleveland, CEO of Proto Labs. "Proto Labs' success is fueled by an entrepreneurial, fast-paced culture. Our employees are the company, and we wouldn't be where we are without their innovation, creativity and passion. We are thankful to be recognized, and feel this honor speaks to how much we value our employees and our unique work environment."

The *Star Tribune* publisher, Michael J. Klingensmith, added, "The companies in the Star Tribune Top 100 Workplaces deserve high praise for creating the very best work environments in the state of Minnesota. My congratulations to each of these exceptional companies."

The award is based on employee responses from a survey project that measured opinions about company leadership, communication, career opportunities, workplace environment, managerial skills, pay and benefits. Over 1,200 organizations were invited to participate in the survey, and over 60,500 employees shared their views.

The Top Workplaces special section was published in the *Star Tribune* on Sunday, June 19. The report can also be found online at www.StarTribune.com/topworkplaces2011.

About Proto Labs

Proto Labs is a leading online and technology-enabled manufacturer of low-volume CNC machined and injection molded custom parts. Proto Labs provides "Real Parts, Really Fast" to product developers worldwide. Proto Labs offers two quick-turn services in North America, Europe and Japan: Firstcut (www.firstcut.com) CNC machining and Protomold (www.protomold.com) injection molding, both capable of providing parts in as fast as one business day. Product developers who use Proto Labs for prototypes and short-run production can upload a 3D CAD file at any one of Proto Labs online sites, get an interactive quotation and place an order for Proto Labs services directly online. For more information, visit: www.protolabs.com.