

Opticom™ Multimode System Receives Innovative Electronic Device Award at the 2011 Tekne Awards

Twelfth annual Tekne Awards recognized technology innovators and innovations

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 8, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- The Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA) has named Global Traffic Technologies, LLC (GTT) as the recipient of the 2011 Tekne Award in the innovative electronic devices award category. Held Nov. 3 at the Minneapolis Convention Center, the Tekne Awards honor companies and individuals who have played a significant role in developing new technologies that positively impact the lives and futures of people living around the world.

GTT was awarded the Tekne for its revolutionary Opticom™ Multimode technology. With an install base of over 2800 cities worldwide, GTT is the industry leader for traffic signal priority control.

"Our company is honored to be the recipient of the Tekne award for the second consecutive year. The release of Opticom™ Multimode technology is a profound game changer for Traffic, Emergency, and Transit personnel combined," said Doug Roberts, CEO, GTT. "Today, municipalities are working to build interoperable regional traffic signal priority control systems in and across city lines because citizens don't see boundaries. As a result, we are continually motivated as a company to think bigger and broader in scope to design systems that connect technology and the people who need it... seamlessly."

MHTA judges selected one recipient out of the three finalists in each of the 14 Tekne Award categories, recognizing the best and brightest in development, education, commercialization and management of technology.

"This year's recipients, once again, raised the bar with the quality and originality of their entries and should all be very proud of their accomplishments," said Margaret Anderson Kelliher, President & CEO of MHTA. "We are thrilled to recognize Global Traffic Technologies, LLC for its proven leadership and commitment to technology development."

This year's Tekne Awards ceremony was emceed by Paul Douglas, author, entrepreneur and meteorologist. A list of 2011 Tekne Award recipients and finalists is available online at <http://www.tekneawards.org>.

About Global Traffic Technologies, LLC

GTT formed in 2007 from 3M's pioneering Intelligent Transportation Systems business, is the manufacturer of Opticom™ priority control systems and Canoga™ traffic sensing systems. These systems have provided safe and reliable traffic solutions to communities for over 35 years.

About Minnesota High Tech Association

MHTA fuels Minnesota's prosperity through innovation and technology. Now entering its fourth decade of service, MHTA has a vision to make Minnesota one of the country's top five technology states by 2020. MHTA is the only membership organization that represents the state's entire technology-based economy. Members include organizations of every size – involved in virtually every aspect of technology creation, production, application and education in Minnesota. MHTA works in partnership with TechAmerica, which represents Minnesota's technology organizations nationally. Find out more online at <http://www.mhta.org> or follow MHTA on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/MHTA>.

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