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**RSL FIBER SYSTEMS NAMED TOP TECH FIRM IN ANNUAL STATE LISTING**

East Hartford, Ct (September 11, 2012) – RSL Fiber Systems, LLC, an East Hartford, Connecticut-based developer of advanced lighting solutions and integrated illumination systems for the U.S. Navy and other military and commercial applications, has been named one of the state’s fastest-growing technology companies. RSL is one of 40 companies honored by the Connecticut Technology Council and Marcum LLP in the Advanced Manufacturing category for its Tech Top 40 Awards. It is the third consecutive year that RSL tops the list.

“We are honored to receive this recognition which underscores the value of our technology and its potential to harness the power of light and maximize its use in new and ingenious ways,” said Giovanni Tomasi, CEO/CTO.

RSL is a premier provider of high-efficiency, high-performance illumination systems that deliver light farther, safer and more efficiently in challenging applications on land and sea. Its core technology – remote source lighting- provides illumination by utilizing high-efficiency optical fiber to deliver light safely to critical and hazardous locations. Its innovative lighting solutions are used on the world’s most sophisticated warships including the U.S. Navy’s newest destroyer, the DDG 1000, and in mining, petrochemical, renewable energy, and first responders/homeland security applications.

The award, said Mr. Tomasi, is reflective of their strategic plan that includes aggressively pursuing new markets, expanding the scope of product lines, and continual investment in research and development. “More importantly,” he said, “it is our employees who are credited with our success. It is their quality, productivity and strategic thinking that drive the technology -and the company- forward.”

Last year, RSL was named the fastest growing advanced manufacturer in Connecticut at the group’s annual gala. It was one of six category winners. This year’s event will be held on September 27 at the Oakdale Theatre. The Connecticut Technology Council is a statewide association of technology oriented companies and institutions, providing leadership in areas of policy advocacy, community building and assistance for growing companies.

In November, the company was listed in *Inc. Magazine*’s annual ranking of America’s fastest-growing private companies, in the Manufacturing category. The 10-year-old company also earned the 2010 North American Technology Innovation of the Year Award in Remote Source Lighting by the research group Frost & Sullivan. In 2009, it earned a Silver Connecticut Quality Improvement Award from the Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Partnership.