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**RSL Fiber Systems Again Among Fastest Growing State Companies**

*Named "Tech Top 40" Honoree for Second Consecutive Year*

**East Hartford, CT (September 21, 2011)** – For the second consecutive year, RSL Fiber Systems, LLC, an East Hartford, Conn.-based developer of advanced lighting solutions and integrated illumination systems for the U.S. Navy and other military and commercial applications, has been cited as one of the state's fastest-growing technology companies.

RSL is one of five companies cited by the Connecticut Technology Council and Marcum LLP in the Advanced Manufacturing category for their 2011 "Tech Top 40" awards. Since 1997, the Connecticut Technology Council's Tech Top 40 awards have been recognizing the fastest growing technology companies in the state based on percentage revenue growth over a four-year period. The top company in each category will be announced at the awards event.

Last year, RSL was one of seven companies cited in its category and took home top honors as Connecticut's fastest growing Advanced Manufacturer. Other categories include Energy/Environmental Technology; IT Services; Life Sciences; New Media/Internet/Telecom; and Software.

"We are again thrilled with this outstanding honor," said RSL CEO/CTO Giovanni Tomasi. "Our consistent growth is testament to the hard work and ingenuity of our dedicated team of professionals."

"RSL continues to make enormous strides penetrating new markets and building its brand," added RSL COO/CFO Rick Barnes. "Recognition of this nature validates the hard work of our staff and is extremely gratifying."

RSL and other recognized companies will be honored next week at the Marcum Tech Top 40 Awards Dinner, Tuesday, September 27 at 5:00 pm at the Oakdale Theater in Wallingford, Conn. The 40 companies cited in the six technology categories will attend along with more than 300 technology community executives and members of the media.

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## **2011 Tech Top 40 Award**

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The award is among several RSL has earned since its founding in 2001. Earlier this year, the company earned the 2010 North American Technology Innovation of the Year Award in Remote Source Lighting, presented by internationally-renowned research leader Frost & Sullivan. In 2009, RSL earned a Silver Connecticut Quality Improvement Award, awarded by the Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Partnership.

RSL is a premier provider of advanced lighting systems solutions and comprehensive engineering services for the world's most sophisticated warships, including the U.S. Navy's newest advanced destroyer, the DDG 1000. RSL is presently expanding into new markets including mining, petrochemical, renewable energy and first responders/homeland security. RSL's core technology, remote source lighting, provides safe, low-maintenance, high-performance illumination uniquely by utilizing high-efficiency optical fiber to deliver light safely to critical or hazardous locations.