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AERIUS PHOTONICS RECOGNIZED BY SBA FOR EXCEPTIONAL INNOVATION

Tibbetts Awards honor projects that bring federal R&D from the lab to the market

Aerius Photonics also announces ISO 9001 Certification

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Ventura, California – Aerius Photonics today announced it has received a 2011 Tibbetts Award from the Small Business Administration (SBA) for supporting the mission and goals of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program. The SBA presents the awards to companies and individuals that have advanced technological innovation and economic growth.

Michael MacDougal, PhD, Aerius' Vice President, accepted the award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. The visit included a meeting with SBA Administrator, Karen Mills and a reception at the White House. Dr. MacDougal also met privately with Congresswoman Lois Capps, who represents California's 23rd Congressional District where Aerius is headquartered.

Aerius has successfully used its more than 45 SBIR awarded contracts to develop and create innovative products that have been fielded in military applications. Aerius is also transitioning its technology to commercial customers.

Separately, Aerius Photonics announced that in conjunction with implementing a company-wide Quality Management System, it recently became ISO 9001:2008 certified.

About Aerius Photonics

Aerius Photonics is a developer and manufacturer of electro-optical devices and innovative sub-systems based on its leadership in Vertical-Cavity Surface-Emitting Laser (VCSEL) diode arrays and Indium Gallium Arsenide Shortwave Infrared (InGaAs SWIR) detectors. The company uses these technologies in supplying miniature laser rangefinders, infrared illuminators, target markers, and sensors used in SWIR cameras, ideal for night vision and scientific applications. Aerius Photonics was founded in 2004 by its President, Jon Geske, PhD and is headquartered along the "101 Tech Corridor" in Ventura, California.

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About The Tibbetts Awards

The prestigious Tibbetts Awards, named for Roland Tibbetts - the acknowledged father of the SBIR, are presented to small businesses and individuals who represent excellence in achieving the mission and goals of the SBIR and STTR Programs.

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