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### **Meadowlark receives State of Colorado Export Award**

*Contributing to the Colorado economy through international trade*

FREDERICK, Colorado – June 5, 2017 – Meadowlark Optics is pleased to announce that it has been named winner of the 47th annual Governor’s Award of Excellence in Exporting. This year’s award was presented at the Colorado Convention Center during World Trade Day 2017, honoring three Colorado companies who have significantly contributed to the state’s economic development through international trade of goods, services and/or knowledge. Meadowlark was recognized as this year’s international thought leader in light-based technologies (knowledge category).

“It is an honor to accept such a prestigious award from the State of Colorado,” said Tom Baur, Chairman and Founder of Meadowlark Optics. “We are pleased that our commitment to innovation for customers around the world has been recognized as a valuable contribution to the state.”

Meadowlark first started exporting in 1987 at a time when technology was limited. Communicating with overseas companies was mainly via fax and airmail. The State of Colorado played an important role in the company’s first exports by introducing Meadowlark to a state-sponsored export consultant who provided valuable assistance in reaching customers world-wide.

Today, Meadowlark is partnered with distributors across the globe and actively exporting photonics (laser and light-based) solutions from their 20,000 square foot headquarters with class 1000 cleanrooms, a full optical fabrication shop and state-of-the-art metrology equipment. Meadowlark participates in international tradeshows and speaking engagements world-wide and strongly believes that collaborative effort is important in geographic regions where there is a solid, but not overwhelming presence, of photonics businesses.

For more information on the 47th annual Governor’s Award of Excellence in Exporting winners, [click here](#).

### **About Meadowlark:**

Meadowlark Optics, located in Frederick, CO, manufactures polarization solution components including liquid crystal shutters, rotators and spatial light modulators for wavelengths ranging from the UV to the MWIR. OEM customers and researchers world-wide use the products in a variety of applications including microscopy, aerospace, defense, telecommunications, semiconductor manufacturing, medical devices and more. To ensure precision and top quality, our 20,000 SF headquarters boasts the latest in clean rooms, optical fabrication, and metrology facilities. Visit us in person, or at [www.meadowlark.com](http://www.meadowlark.com)

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