



Meadowlark Optics Wins Colorado Photonics Company of the Year

Boulder, Colorado, October 25, 2016 The Colorado Photonics Industry Association (CPIA) will name Meadowlark Optics, Inc. as the 2016 Colorado Photonics Company of the Year. The award will be presented to Meadowlark Optics of Frederick, Colorado, at the CPIA Annual Meeting on Tuesday October 25th 2016.

The CPIA presents the Colorado Photonics Company of the Year award to the company or institution that it feels has recently contributed the most to the Colorado photonics industry. The 2016 winner, Meadowlark Optics, has an outstanding list of technical achievements and contributions related to photonics technology in both polarization optical components and applied and fundamental research. Meadowlark Optics was selected from more than 200 companies in the aerospace, renewable energy, defense, life sciences, telecommunications, and electronics industries which are involved in photonics, or light-based, technologies. Meadowlark Optics continues to regularly make outstanding contributions to the Colorado photonics industry that bring international attention to Colorado as a key place to do photonics.

About Meadowlark Optics

Meadowlark Optics is a self-funded, closely held small business that has been operating in Colorado for 37 years. Historically, the company offers a polarization component product line and supplements its income with research grants. Meadowlark has 50 major categories of polarization components. Two years ago, Meadowlark Optics strategically acquired the product line of Spatial Light Modulators from Boulder Nonlinear Systems (BNS) that has been an outstanding success. Meadowlark Optics markets its products world-wide.

Meadowlark has been recognized numerous times with several industry awards over the years. They are a five-time awardee of the Photonics Spectra Circle of excellence Award. In 2005, Meadowlark was recognized as the Northern Colorado Entrepreneur of the Year. In 2012, R&D Magazine issued a R&D 100 Award jointly to Meadowlark and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for a device utilized in the National Ignition Facility.

Over nearly two decades, Meadowlark has been a consistent and valuable contributor to the infrastructure of the Colorado Photonics Industry. Meadowlark Optics has been a member of CPIA since its inaugural year in 1997 and has an executive or senior employee on the CPIA board continuously since then. Furthermore, Meadowlark executives continuously participated on the board of The Colorado Advanced Photonics Center over its ten-year existence. Finally, Meadowlark has been instrumental in the operation of the CPIA booth at the annual SPIE trade show. They have stored, transported, and set-up the booth each and every year that CPIA has attended the show.

About CPIA

The Colorado Photonics Industry Association (<http://www.coloradophotonics.org>) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to encouraging cooperation, collaboration, and partnering among the 250 industrial, academic, and governmental organizations in Colorado involved in optics and photonics technologies. CPIA's mission is to promote the Colorado photonics industry and to enhance the profitability of its members. In addition to industrial organizations ranging from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies, the photonics community in Colorado includes four national laboratories and five academic institutions. The last three Nobel Prize winners for physics in Colorado have been predicated upon photonics related research. For more information, please visit www.coloradophotonics.org.

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