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**Technology Association of Iowa and LWBJ Announce
12th Annual LWBJ Prometheus Awards Finalists**

Des Moines, IA (February 27, 2017) - [The Technology Association of Iowa](#) (TAI), the statewide voice for Iowa's technology industry, and [LWBJ](#) announced today the finalists of the 12th Annual LWBJ Prometheus Awards. The Prometheus Awards recognize and celebrate innovative companies and individuals in Iowa's \$11 billion technology industry, which accounts for 8.8 percent of the state's GDP and employs over 76,000 workers.

The Prometheus Awards this year received a record number nominations from over 100 Iowa companies. The 2017 nominees represent the most diverse and competitive pool to date. The winner in each of the 14 award categories will be announced during the Prometheus Awards celebration on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center in Des Moines.

"LWBJ has been proud to be the lead sponsor of The Prometheus Awards since its inception 12 years ago. We understand the importance of Iowa's growing technology sector, and we know, firsthand, the challenges involved in translating great ideas into successful realities," said Dave Hove, CPA and Senior Partner at LWBJ. "That's why we're excited to honor this year's slate of outstanding nominees, as well as the world-class products and services they are bringing to market," he continued.

At the awards ceremony, LWBJ will also announce the winner of the "LWBJ Impact Award." The LWBJ Impact Award recognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant impact on the growth, success and sustainability of Iowa's technology industry.

"The Prometheus Awards is the most prestigious recognition for Iowa's technology industry and brings together leaders from the tech community to celebrate the year's most momentous innovations," said Brian Waller, President of TAI. "These awards showcase the great talent and companies in Iowa and further solidify Iowa's reputation as a tech state," Waller continued.

Nominations were submitted for companies, leaders and communities from across the state. Finalists represent a range of industries including: technology, financial services, insurance, agriculture, manufacturing, and healthcare.

2017 Prometheus Awards Finalists:

Outstanding Startup Company of the Year

- BeraTrek Industries

- Denim
- Gain Compliance
- iotaMotion
- lienwaivers.co

Student Innovation of the Year

- AdFly, LLC
- Health Tech Solutions, Inc.
- PollUp Solutions, Inc.
- SwineTech
- Terva

Mobile App of the Year

- Higher Learning Technologies
- HowFactory
- Intelligent Solutions Group
- Phantom EFX
- Via-Wise

Life Sciences/Biotech Company of the Year

- Advanced Analytical Technologies, Inc.
- Exemplar Genetics
- Newlink Genetics
- Viewpoint Molecular Targeting

Software Company of the Year

- Arreya Digital Signage Suite
- Collective Data, Inc.
- GlobalVetLINK
- Innovative Software Engineering (ISE)
- TelePharm

IT Service Provider of the Year

- Carrier Access, Inc.
- Circle Computer Resources, Inc.
- Far Reach
- Involta
- Pillar Technology

Top Growth Company of the Year

- Advanced Analytical Technologies, Inc.
- Circle Computer Resources
- Integrated Telehealth Partners
- Pillar Technology
- TMG

Best User of Technology

- Merchants Bonding Company

- Pella Corporation
- TelePharm
- UnityPoint Health
- Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield

Ag Technology Company of the Year

- AgriSync
- DISTek Integration, Inc.
- GlobalVetLINK
- Performance Livestock Analytics
- SwineTech

CEO of the Year

- Gary Seamans, IDx, LLC
- Eric Engelmann, NewBoCo
- Aaron Schurman, Phantom EFX
- Roby Miller, TelePharm
- Shazia Manus, TMG

CIO/CTO/CSO of the Year

- Trace Steffen, HowFactory
- Ken Kremer, Involta
- Terry Reinsager, MediRevv
- Doug Fick, Principal
- Pam Brodsack, TMG

Technology Community of the Year

- Ames
- Cedar Falls
- Cedar Rapids
- Greater Des Moines
- Spencer
- Urbandale

Technology Company of the Year - Small & Medium

- Collective Data, Inc
- GlobalVetLINK
- Higher Learning Technologies
- Shift Interactive
- TelePharm

The Workiva Large Technology Company of the Year

- Advanced Analytical Technologies, Inc.
- Aureon
- Circle Computer Resources
- Phantom EFX
- Pillar Technology

Finalists were selected based on their contributions to Iowa's Technology Community through innovation, development of creative solutions, and demonstration of industry leadership.

Finalists were selected by the following panel of distinguished judges:

Susan Cosner, Iowa Area Development Group
Tod Faris, Appanoose Economic Development Corporation
Dr. Matt Helmers, Iowa State University
David Hensley, University of Iowa
Joe Hrdlicka, Iowa Biotechnology Association
Dr. Jordan Kaufmann, University of Iowa
Matt Kinley, Pappajohn Capital Resources | Equity Dynamics, Inc.
Adam Koppes, Iowa Farm Bureau & Rural Vitality Funds
John LaMarche, VentureNet Iowa
Mark Lorenzo, Iowa Economic Development Authority
Dr. Lisa Lorenzen, Iowa State University Research Foundation
Mark Nolte, Iowa City Area Development Group
Tim Putnam, NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center
Laurie Watje, John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center University of Northern Iowa
Brent Willett, Iowa's Cultivation Corridor
Geoff Wood, Gravitare

Register for the awards dinner through April 18, 2017 at www.technologyiowa.org.

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About the Technology Association of Iowa (TAI):

The Technology Association of Iowa (TAI) is a statewide, member-based organization uniting Iowa's technology community by connecting leaders, driving public policy, fostering diversity and inclusion, and developing talent. TAI's members work together to support the industry and advance Iowa's reputation as a technology state. The organization is a collection of leaders who have come together as Iowa's statewide voice for technology. To learn more, visit: www.technologyiowa.org

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