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Proto Labs Helps Open Doors for Latest Cool Idea! Award Winner

Garageio allows smartphone users control of their garage door from virtually anywhere

MAPLE PLAIN, MINN.—Dec. 17, 2013—Proto Labs (NYSE: PRLB) has presented a Cool Idea! Award to Alottazs Labs, LLC, creator of the Garageio device and mobile app. The system enables homeowners to remotely monitor and control their garage door through a simple, user-friendly smartphone app.

The sleek Garageio unit can be mounted directly to a garage door opener or on the garage ceiling, and once installed, users can connect the unit to their home Wi-Fi network via Garageio's smartphone app. Homeowners then have the option to share access to their garage with choice individuals via the smartphone app, and even restrict the times in which they can use it. Whether a garage door is left open, a delivery person is dropping off a package or a child needs to get inside the house, users can open and close up to three garage doors from nearly any place in the world.

Smartphone enabled garage door openers exist within the market, but Garageio differentiates itself by integrating into users' existing garage door units, rather than replacing them entirely or supporting only some models. Additionally, at \$149, Garageio units are priced below others in the same space, and there is no monthly fee or additional costs to download the smartphone app or add users. "The company's approach was to create a device that not only supported multiple garage doors, but one that was simple, reliable and intelligent with a stellar user experience," explains Alottazs Labs' Chief Executive Officer, Zak Dziczkowski.

Proto Labs' CNC-machining service, Firstcut, provided an initial order of top and bottom prototype casings, which are now being using by Alottazs Labs to product test the Garageio with a select group of customers. Soon after testing, the company plans to use its remaining Cool Idea! Award grant towards production parts of the ABS casings through Proto Labs' injection-moulding service, Protomold.

"We were fascinated with how an innovative device paired with a highly accessible mobile app could solve an everyday problem, and are excited that our Cool Idea! Award can help Alottazs Labs bring its product to market," says Larry Lukis, Founder and Chairman of Proto Labs.

Launched in 2011, the Proto Labs Cool Idea! Award gives a total of \$250,000 in services each year to entrepreneurs developing new products in the United States and Europe. Unlike other product awards that recognise products after they're in mass production and on store shelves, the Cool Idea! Award is meant to help innovative ideas come to life. For more information about the Cool Idea! Award and to apply, visit www.protolabs.com/coolidea.

About Proto Labs®

Based in Shropshire in the UK, Proto Labs Limited has radically changed the economics and lead times associated with the production of prototype and low-volume parts for European manufacturers. Proto Labs' customers include companies from all sectors such as medical, aerospace, automotive and consumer electronics. With two service offerings: [Firstcut®](#) delivers machined parts (ideal for quantities of 1-10 parts) in over 30 production-intent materials including aluminium and brass while [Protomold®](#) delivers injection-moulded plastic parts (ideal for quantities of 10-10,000+) in just about any production-intent material. Using an 'ultra-fast' compute-cluster Proto Labs offers a web-based quoting system which includes a detailed manufacturability analysis and an accurate all-in production price in just hours and can ship orders in as little as one business day. For more information please visit www.protolabs.co.uk

About Alottazs Labs, LLC

Alottazs Labs specializes in unique software and hardware solutions, like Garageio, with the idea that technology is supposed to make lives easier, not harder. Its goal is to develop and produce the best and most reliable connected devices by using the latest technology available. Formed in 2012, the Ohio-based company is a small organization that prides itself on being nimble and responsive to its customers. Read more about Garageio at www.garageio.com and purchase a reduced-rate unit via the Fundable campaign at www.fundable.com/garageio.

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