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### **THE PROTOMOLD COMPANY HONORED LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY FOR IMPRESSIVE GROWTH**

MINNEAPOLIS — Oct. 28, 2005 — In recognition of its strong sales growth and successful business practices, The Protomold Company has earned the following local and national honors:

- **Upsize Business Builder of the Year** — Locally, Protomold was chosen from a field of 30 finalists as the *Upsize* Business Builder of the Year on Oct. 27. Hosted by *Upsize* magazine, the competition recognizes Minnesota-based companies for best business practices.
- **Fourth fastest-growing private company in the Twin Cities** — Protomold's growth was recognized in *The Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's* 2005 Growth 50 list on Oct. 21 as the fourth-fastest-growing private company in the Twin Cities. Protomold ranked first on the Growth 50 list in 2004.
- **96<sup>th</sup>-fastest-growing private company in the U.S.** — Protomold's recent revenue growth was acknowledged nationally when it ranked as the 96<sup>th</sup>-fastest-growing private U.S. company on the *Inc.* 500 list, published Oct. 1.

"These recent awards show the value rapid injection molding brings to our customers," said Bradley Cleveland, president and CEO, Protomold. "It's great to see our talented and dedicated employees get the recognition they deserve for a lot of hard work."

Protomold's rapid injection molding technology uses proprietary software to combine 3-D computer-aided design (CAD) with high-speed CNC machining equipment for the quick manufacture of prototype and low-volume production parts. It can dramatically reduce the time and cost associated with conventional plastic injection molding by as much as two-thirds.

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**About The Protomold Company Inc.**

The Protomold Company Inc. has radically changed the economics and lead times associated with prototype and low-volume production of injection molded parts. Its defined market segment, rapid injection molding, is positioned between rapid prototyping and conventional high-volume injection molding. Protomold is privately held and headquartered in Maple Plain, Minn. Further information can be found online at [www.protomold.com](http://www.protomold.com).

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