

ABBOTT RECOGNIZES WINNERS OF SUPPLIER EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Abbott Park, Illinois (NYSE: ABT) — Abbott today recognized 21 companies with its Supplier Excellence Award. Winners were recognized for exceptional contributions to Abbott in 2012, and were chosen from more than 23,000 worldwide suppliers because of outstanding performance and continuous improvement in supplying materials, equipment and services to Abbott.

"Abbott is proud to recognize suppliers that share our company's longstanding commitment to excellence," said Sarah Catterson, divisional vice president, Global Purchasing, Abbott. "These awards recognize companies that have consistently delivered in an outstanding manner."

The Abbott Supplier Excellence Award program began in 1991 and utilizes an assessment process that combines performance data along with feedback from internal stakeholders, including manufacturing, material control, quality, engineering, administrative services and select others. The program identifies Abbott's highest performing suppliers by assessing performance in the categories of quality, delivery performance, service, cost effectiveness, process improvement and innovation.

This year, Abbott is proud to recognize the following companies as recipients of Abbott's Supplier Excellence Award:

- AT&T
- Berry Plastics
- CCL
- Colbert Packaging
- Dell
- Filtrona
- Fisher Scientific
- Fresenius Kabi
- Manpower
- Nosco
- Nycomed
- Nypro
- Pratt
- Precision Wire Components
- Quantum
- Robinson Printing
- Sigma-Aldrich
- Staples
- Sumitomo Seika
- Taylor
- Tech Group

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