

ABBOTT RECOGNIZES WINNERS OF SUPPLIER EXCELLENCE AWARD

Abbott Park, Illinois (NYSE: ABT) — Abbott today recognized 30 companies with its Supplier Excellence Award. Winners were recognized for exceptional contributions to Abbott in 2011, 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 our suppliers that share the company's longstanding commitment to excellence," said Sarah Catterson, divisional vice president, corporate 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:

DIRECT MATERIAL SUPPLIERS

- Agilent Technologies
- August Faller KG
- Colbert Packaging
- Graham Packaging Company, L.P.
- Nosco
- Palladio Zannini
- Pratt Industries
- Precision Wire Components
- Robinson Printing
- Sigma-Aldrich Inc.
- Sonoco
- Sumitomo Seika Chemicals Co., Ltd.
- Tekni-Films, A Tekni-Plex Company
- The Tech Group
- Thoro Packaging
- Toyobo Co., Ltd.
- Zeus Industrial Products, Inc.

INDIRECT SUPPLIERS

- Cognizant Technology Solutions
- Dell
- ManpowerGroup Solutions TAPFIN
- Mindshare
- PHH Arval
- Quantum
- Staples
- Verizon Wireless
- VWR International

CONTRACT MANUFACTURERS

- Besins Healthcare
- Bionostics, Inc.
- Catalent Pharma Solutions
- RR Donnelley Global Turnkey Solutions

About Abbott

Abbott (NYSE: ABT) is a global, broad-based health care company devoted to the discovery, development, manufacture and marketing of pharmaceuticals and medical products, including nutritionals, devices and diagnostics. The company employs approximately 91,000 people and markets its products in more than 130 countries.

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