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“Douglas Scientific to receive 2012 Business & Industrial Appreciation Day Award”

The Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission (AAEDC) and Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) are excited to announce that Douglas Scientific of Alexandria has been selected to receive the 2012 Business & Industrial Appreciation Day (BIAD) award.

The BIAD award is presented annually to an outstanding local business by the AAEDC and Chamber, with the recipient being chosen by the Boards of Directors of both organizations.

The 29th annual BIAD Award Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, October 23rd at 11:30am at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center.

Company Background:

Douglas Scientific LLC, located in Alexandria, MN, began as a division of Douglas Machine Inc in 2009, and was incorporated as a wholly owned company in 2010. The Company provides patented Array Tape™ automation that enables laboratories around the world to rapidly process billions of genetic samples and chemical compounds. Array Tape™ is a continuous plastic film embossed with micro wells used in laboratory testing.

Douglas Scientific also designs and manufactures a full line of laboratory instrumentation -- Nexar™ and Araya™ -- to optimize dispensing and scanning in the Array Tape™ wells. The technology allows scientists to complete screening at unprecedented speed and fractional costs, which enables new discovery in plant genomics, animal health, human diagnostics, and pharmaceutical applications.

Douglas Scientific is dedicated to making the world a better place by delivering innovative laboratory automation. By partnering with the most creative and dedicated scientists around the world, the Company delivers advancements to address several imminent global issues and threats.

Since its founding, Douglas Scientific has experienced rapid growth (both in terms of product demand and workforce) and currently employs more than 70 professionals at its facility in the Alexandria Industrial Park – including experts in engineering, biosciences, automation, motion control, and other fields. Douglas Scientific recruits employees to the Alexandria region from around the world, bringing both specialized expertise and cultural diversity to the region.

Event Background:

Since 1984, an outstanding Alexandria area business or organization has been selected as the BIAD recipient and has been honored for their significant contribution to the social and

economic vitality of the Douglas County region through creation of jobs, business investment, and community development efforts.

The local celebration has become one of the largest Greater Minnesota events with consistent attendance ranging from 250-350 regional citizens, business persons, and government officials.

The BIAD program is a joint effort of the Chamber and the AAEDC, and is focused on providing an opportunity for the Alexandria Regional Community to say “Thank you for being a vital part of our community.”

The honored company is selected based on the jobs it creates for the community and region, the investments it has made to facilities within Douglas County, and the contributions it has made to the community.

For more information on the 2012 BIAD Award Program or to purchase tickets for the luncheon event to take place on October 23rd, contact Patrick Kalina at the AAEDC at (320) 763-4545 or GG Freitag at the Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce at (320) 763-3161.

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