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Two Boulder Companies Awarded:

MBio Diagnostics Wins Photonics Company of the Year

ColdQuanta Wins Photonics Innovator of the Year

Adams County Economic Development Wins Sustaining Partner Award

Boulder, Colorado, October 22, 2019 The Colorado Photonics Industry Association (CPIA) named MBio Diagnostics as the 2019 Colorado Photonics Company of the Year and ColdQuanta as the Colorado Photonics Innovator of the year. The awards were presented to MBio and ColdQuanta on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at the CPIA Annual Meeting held at the University of Colorado at Boulder University Memorial Center.

Chris Myatt, CEO of MBio Diagnostics, accepted the award. CPIA presents the Photonics Company of the Year award to the business or institution that has contributed greatly to the growth and prosperity of the Colorado photonics industry. MBio, founded over 10 years ago by Chris Myatt and Michael Lochhead, is a recognized leader as a maker of scientific instruments for rapid, on-the-spot testing solutions for critical applications in health care, veterinary, food and environmental industries. The MBio platform brings remarkable simplicity and speed to a broad range of testing, from protein arrays and nucleic acid detection to cellular analysis.

Dana Anderson, the CEO and Founder of ColdQuanta, accepted the award. CPIA presents the Photonics Innovator of the Year award to the business or institution that has done, and continues to do, pioneering work in the area of optics and photonics. ColdQuanta leads the market in commercializing quantum atomics. The company's Quantum Core™ technology uses ultra-cold atoms cooled to a temperature of nearly absolute zero using lasers to manipulate and control the atoms with extreme precision. Based on its Quantum Core technology, ColdQuanta manufactures components, instruments, and turnkey systems that address a broad spectrum of applications ranging from timekeeping and navigation to quantum computing, and from radiofrequency (RF) receivers to quantum communications systems. ColdQuanta's global customers include major commercial and defense companies, all branches of the U.S. Department of Defense, national labs operated by the Department of Energy, NASA, and NIST, and major universities.

Also recognized at this year's CPIA annual event, as a Sustaining Partner, is Adams County Economic Development. Gary Horvath, a board member of Adams County Economic Development, accepted the award. CPIA presents the Sustaining Organizational Supporter award which recognizes a CPIA partner that has provided broad-based support and leadership in advancing CPIA's mission and programs. ACED has supported CPIA since its founding 20 years ago by providing staff support, a CPIA Board presence, and overall support and awareness of the photonics industry in Adams County. ACED is *the* economic

champion for Adams County, Colorado. Their mission of attracting and expanding high-caliber companies, jobs, and development fuels prosperity in diverse local communities.