

3M Awarded Top Honor at 14th Annual TEKNE Awards

3M LED Advanced Light selected as category winner

3M, the innovation company that never stops inventing, announced today its 3M™ LED Advanced Light received the Advanced Manufacturing Award at The Minnesota High Tech Association's (MHTA) 2013 Tekne Awards. The Tekne Award acknowledges technology innovations and leaders in Minnesota's technology businesses. The award ceremony took place last night at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

The Tekne Awards recognize the best and brightest technology users and developers whose leadership and dedication to technological development help demonstrate how Minnesota is a global leader in technology. Nominees were judged by a selection committee composed of outstanding business leaders ranging from legal professionals to entrepreneurs and past recipients.

Advanced Manufacturing Award for 3M LED Advanced Light

The 3M LED Advanced Light, the company's first-ever light bulb, advances lighting technology by utilizing light-emitting diodes (LED). Developed with 3M multilayer optical film, adhesives and heat management technologies, the bulb provides energy efficiency and long-term cost savings over an impressive 25-year product lifespan. In addition, with the new federal standards phasing out incandescent light bulbs, the 3M LED Advanced light provides an option that is just as bright as a traditional bulb at a fraction of the energy.

"What an honor to be seen as an innovator by our peers in Minnesota," said James Medek, business development manager, 3M Corporate Ventures. "The 3M LED Advanced Light was not only conceived in our Minnesota labs but is also made in Minnesota proving that the state is a hub for global technology."

About Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA)

MHTA is an innovation and technology association united in fueling Minnesota's prosperity. We help bring together the people of Minnesota's technology ecosystem and lead the charge in directing technology issues to Minnesota's state capitol. MHTA is the only membership organization that represents Minnesota's entire technology-based economy. MHTA members include organizations of every size – involved in virtually every aspect of technology creation, production, application and education in Minnesota. Find out more online at <http://www.mhta.org> or follow MHTA on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/MHTA>.

About 3M

3M captures the spark of new ideas and transforms them into thousands of ingenious products. Its culture of creative collaboration inspires a never-ending stream of powerful technologies that make life better. 3M is the innovation company that never stops inventing. With \$30 billion in sales, 3M employs 88,000 people worldwide and has operations in more than 70 countries. For more information, visit www.3M.com or follow [@3MNews](https://twitter.com/3MNews) on Twitter.

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