



**FAIRFIELD CRYSTAL TECHNOLOGY, SELECTED AS THE *SHIPMAN & GOODWIN MOST PROMISING EMERGING TECHNOLOGY COMPANY OF THE YEAR* AWARD WINNER
BY THE CONNECTICUT TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL,
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Fairfield Crystal Technology won the Shipman & Goodwin Most Promising Emerging Technology Company of The Year award at the second annual Innovation Pipeline Awards and technology showcase in front of over 350 guests at the Dolce Innovation Center. The Connecticut Technology Council, the state’s industry association for the technology sector, annually recognizes companies with sales under \$10M, an innovative product and a business model that demonstrates potential for future success.

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Matthew Nemerson, the CTC President and CEO, notes “we look at hundreds of new ideas and start-ups every year and the companies recognized here are the ones we feel are not only the most exciting but have a real chance to become fast growing new firms.”

Awards are the result of a nomination and judging process that engages dozens of technology leaders from corporations such as Pitney Bowes, GE, UTC and Open Solutions and firms such as law firms Cantor Colburn, LLP, Edwards Angell Palmer and Dodge, LLP and the accounting firm Fiondella, Milone, and Lasaracina.

Andrew Timmerman of **Fairfield Crystal Technology** said, “This is a great honor and it is wonderful to be recognized for the hard work and successes we have achieved. Investors are already asking for more information. This will be helpful for our business.”

About Fairfield Crystal Technology Fairfield Crystal Technology is a Connecticut based Limited Liability Company (LLC), located in a corporate research and development facility located in an industrial park in New Milford, CT, along the Western Connecticut High Technology Corridor. Fairfield Crystal Technology was established as a materials company to leverage proprietary crystal growth technology in single crystalline materials to be used in next-generation semiconductor devices and precision optics components. Serving diverse high tech industries: semiconductor, solid-state lighting, microlithography, laser, spectroscopy, defense and detection systems, the company develops, characterizes, tests and manufactures sought-



after crystals. Developing and delivering novel crystals that meet the stringent tolerances and characteristics for our customers has been the basis for our fast-paced success.

About The Connecticut Technology Council

The Connecticut Technology Council is the State's industry association for the technology sector. The Mission of the Connecticut Technology Council is to improve economic growth and a high quality of life for Connecticut by promoting a culture of innovation of community leaders in business and government. The goal of the Connecticut Technology Council is to build a statewide network of innovators and entrepreneurs to educate and influence elected officials and policy leaders about the critical importance of technology innovation and growth in Connecticut.

About the Innovation Pipeline Accelerator

The IPA is for all CT companies with sales under \$10 million, an innovative product and a scalable business model. Once accepted into the Innovation Pipeline Accelerator, all candidates are provided with: access to an interactive website that enables them to request services, communicate with an entrepreneurial community and track their progress; a secure corporate intranet for their exclusive use; connections with mentors and advisors with the intent of improving and accelerating the growth and success of these companies; and listing in a searchable public database that will be accessible to anyone looking for products or services from CT based companies.

Companies may remain in the program as long as the program adds value to their business and the company continues down the path towards success. Some of the more advanced IPA companies will be selected to receive extra assistance in the FastTrack Program that provides more personalized services.