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## PHOTO STENCIL RECEIVES SMT MAGAZINE'S VISION AWARD

*Stencil company recognized for excellent customer service*



*Dr. Bill Coleman accepting the SMT Vision Award from Karen Watkins (L) and Gail Flower (R).*

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**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado – March 6, 2007** – Photo Stencil, the leading provider of premium stencils and additional high-end tooling for the SMT assembly industry, has received SMT

Magazine's Vision Award for supply chain management in the Contract Services category. The award recognizes Photo Stencil's high quality products, timely delivery and overall customer service.

"We continually look for ways to improve our business and help our customers," says Mike Burgess, vice president of Photo Stencil. "Quality products and support are critical for a successful 'on-time' SMT assembly. This reward reflects our commitment, both to our customers, as well as to the development and improvement of the technology."

SMT Magazine's Vision Awards honor creative achievement in surface mount technology. Photo Stencil received the Contract Services award during an awards ceremony at the Wilshire Grand Hotel, Los Angeles on February 19, 2007. This is the fourth time Photo Stencil has received this prestigious award. The prior awards were in 1993 for the chem-etch trapezoidal stencil aperture, in 1996 for the E-Blade® squeegee blade (an electroformed squeegee blade), and in 1997 for the DuraGlide™ squeegee blade.

Over the past 20 years, Photo Stencil has streamlined its process. From customer support, to design and production scheduling, the company has improved efficiency, quality and turn times. Photo Stencil has a dedicated group of technical service representatives and software that allows the entire pre-manufacturing process to be completed by a single individual.

For more information on Photo Stencil and its services, please visit <http://www.photostencil.com>.

## **Photo Stencil**

Photo Stencil is a full-service provider of high-performance stencils and tooling for the surface mount technology (SMT) assembly industry. Photo Stencil's technology includes the patented AMTX E-FAB® electroformed stencils, the new high-performance proprietary NicAlloy™ stencil, laser-cut stencils and chem-etch stencils. Step or multilevel stencils are available in all three of the stencil technologies. Stencil design support and customer specific design libraries are provided.

Other SMT tooling includes thick film and metal mask screens. Photo Stencil offers a complete line of squeegee blades, featuring the patented E-Blade® electroformed squeegee blade. Solder pallets, SMT process carriers and populated PCB inspection templates are also available.

Headquartered in Colorado Springs, Photo Stencil was founded in 1979 and currently holds many patents and trademarks, such as AMTX E-FAB electroform stencils. The company has additional manufacturing facilities in Mexico and Malaysia. More information is available at [www.photostencil.com](http://www.photostencil.com).

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