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Quantum Devices, Inc. to be Honored as Tibbetts Award Winner

Washington, D.C. —Quantum Devices, Inc. of Barneveld, WI has been selected as one of the winners of the 2006 Tibbetts Awards. Ronald W. Ignatius will receive the award on Sept. 26 at the Wyndham Washington, located at 1400 M Street NW, in Washington, D.C.

Named for Roland Tibbetts—the person acknowledged as the father of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program—these prestigious, national awards are made annually to those small firms, projects, organizations and individuals judged to exemplify the very best in SBIR achievement. Quantum Devices, Inc. is one of 55 companies in the U.S. to receive this award. Quantum Devices, Inc. was selected from over 4,000 companies that receive contract and grants under the SBIR Program each year.

Support from NASA and follow-on grants from DARPA have helped QDI and the Medical College of Wisconsin to fully transition space technology into a new, non-invasive medical device. The WARP 10 (Warfighter Accelerated Recovery by Photobiomodulation) is a high intensity, hand-held LED unit FDA-cleared for the temporary relief of minor muscle and joint pain, arthritis, stiffness, and muscle spasms. It also promotes relaxation of muscle tissue and temporarily increases local blood circulation where applied. The WARP 10 was designed to aid armed forces personnel on the front lines with first-aid care for minor injuries and pain as well as the immediate treatment for laser eye burns in the battlefield, thereby improving endurance in combat. The “soldier self care” device produces 80 times more photon energy than a 250-Watt heat lamp, without the harmful effects of ultraviolet solar radiation. The DOD and the U.S. Navy have issued the WARP 10 to crews on submarines and Special Forces operations. QDI has introduced an FDA-cleared consumer version sharing the same power and properties of the military model, as an alternative to the cost and complications associated with overuse of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) for persistent pain relief. According to a Mayo Clinic study, adverse events associated with the use of NSAIDs are reported more frequently to the FDA than any other group of drugs. Furthermore, conservative calculations for the U.S. estimate that approximately 107,000 patients are hospitalized each year for NSAID-related gastrointestinal complications and at least 16,500 NSAID-related deaths occur annually among arthritis patients alone.

The complete list of winners can be found at tibbettsawards.org. For more information contact Robin Schumacher, phone 608-924-3000 with Quantum Devices, Inc. or Jere Glover with the Small Business Technology Council at 202-662-9700.

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