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## **Third Wave Systems Named Finalist for 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tekne Awards**

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN.** (20 September 2012) – The Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA) has named Third Wave Systems as a finalist in the software category for the 2012 Tekne Awards, which will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Thursday, November 1. The Tekne Award finalists are selected by an independent panel of judges and recognize Minnesota companies and individuals who have shown superior technology innovation and leadership.

[Information on company/individual and why they received the award.]

“[Quote from company CEO],” said [name], [title], [company]. “[Quote continued].”

Presented by the MHTA, the Tekne Awards honor those who play a significant role in discovering new technologies that educate, improve lifestyles, and impact the lives and futures of people living in Minnesota and all over the world. The program reinforces Minnesota’s place as one of the most competitive and technologically advanced regions in the world. A full list of finalists is available online at <http://www.tekneawards.org/finalists>.

“The Tekne Awards recognize those whose leadership and dedication to technological innovation helps demonstrate Minnesota as a global player in technology-based markets,” said Margaret Anderson Kelliher, President & CEO of MHTA. “This year’s finalists should be extremely proud of their role in helping Minnesota excel.”

Recipients of the 2012 Tekne Awards will be announced at the award ceremony on November 1. The event will begin with a VIP registration & reception at 4:30 p.m., followed by general registration and cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 5:45 p.m., the awards celebration at 7 p.m., and a post-event reception at 8:30 p.m. The event will be emceed by Don Shelby, author, news anchor and reporter.

**ABOUT THIRD WAVE SYSTEMS, INC.** Third Wave Systems ([www.thirdwavesys.com](http://www.thirdwavesys.com)) is a premier machining computer-aided engineering (CAE) provider. Its modeling products and services are used by progressive companies to dramatically reduce costs of machined components, accelerate design cycles, improve part quality, and get to market faster. This validated material modeling technology gives engineers access to more information than trial-and-error tests, allowing them to make better decisions. Third Wave is headquartered in Minneapolis (USA) with a remote office in Detroit (USA), representation in California (USA), and distributors throughout Europe and Asia.

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**ABOUT MINNESOTA HIGH TECH ASSOCIATION (MHTA)** MHTA, or the Minnesota High Tech Association, is an innovation and technology association united in fueling Minnesota's prosperity. MHTA helps bring together the people of Minnesota's technology ecosystem and leads 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. Its 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>.