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CONTROL PRODUCTS, INC. NAMED AS TEKNE AWARD FINALIST

Premier awards program recognizes Minnesota's companies and individuals who have shown technology innovation and leadership

Chanhassen, September 30, 2004 – Control Products, Inc. has been named as a finalist for a 2004 Tekne Award, Minnesota's annual awards program that recognizes companies and individuals who have shown superior technology innovation and leadership.

The Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA) and Minnesota Technology, Inc. (MTI), in partnership with Medical Alley, MNBIO and Minnesota Project Innovation, join together to recognize technology innovators and leaders who have made lasting contributions to enhancing the quality of life and competitiveness of Minnesota. The awards are separated into categories that recognize the best and brightest in innovation, development, education, commercialization and management of technology in Minnesota.

"Control Products is honored to be selected as one of the finalists for the 2004 Tekne Awards" according to Chris Berghoff, President of Control Products. "I commend the sponsoring associations for fostering innovation and supporting high technology companies which are constantly challenged in highly competitive environments."

"In the five years that we've been naming Tekne Award finalists, the program has become the premier awards for technology innovators and leaders in the state of Minnesota," said Kate Rubin, president of the Minnesota High Tech Association. "The 2004 Tekne Award finalists show that Minnesota continues to produce cutting-edge technology and is a great place to do business."

Dr. Wayne Pletcher, president of Minnesota Technology, Inc. added: "We are proud to honor Control Products, Inc. as a 2004 Tekne Award finalist and are pleased to recognize their leadership in this industry."

The 2004 Tekne Awards will be presented on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at the Minneapolis Convention Center, beginning with a reception at 4:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and the awards ceremony at 7:00 p.m. Don Shelby, WCCO anchor and education and math advocate, will M.C. the event.

Fifty-one finalists have been named in 17 categories. A list of all finalists and categories can be found at www.tekneawards.org.

About Control Products, Inc.

Since 1985, Control Products, Inc. has been a leader in electronic control solutions specializing in technology, design, embedded communications, Internet connectivity, and manufacturing. Its products are used in many commercial and consumer applications around the world. Application examples include controls and embedded communications for food service equipment, HVAC, medical, industrial, residential security, and freeze protection. To learn more about all the devices and services offered by Control Products, Inc. visit us online at www.controlproductsinc.com or call 1-800-947-9098.

About MTI

Minnesota Technology, Inc. (MTI) is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to help its business customers gain competitive advantages, support their growth, and contribute to Minnesota's economic vitality. It fulfills this work through a statewide staff of expert professionals who have tested expertise across a wide variety of business, technology, manufacturing, engineering, publishing and research disciplines. In the last three years, MTI has helped nearly 2,000 Minnesota companies and made a significant economic impact. It helped create and retain over 2,500 jobs, saved its clients more than \$70 million, and helped generate \$80 million in new technology investments. For more information visit www.minnesotatechnology.org.

About MHTA

The Minnesota High Tech Association accelerates the growth, success and sustainability of Minnesota's technology-based economy through public policy advocacy, member collaboration and education, and community outreach. 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. MHTA works in partnership with AeA, which represents Minnesota's technology organizations nationally. More information on the MHTA can be found at www.mhta.org.