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## Isis3D is Named Among the Top 100 Finalists for the 13th Annual Chicago Innovation Awards

CHICAGO, September 8th, 2014 — Out of an astounding 552 nominees, Isis3D has been selected as one of the Top 100 Finalists still in the running for the 13th annual Chicago Innovation Awards. The awards celebrate the most innovative new products and services in the Chicago region across all organization sizes, sectors and industries. 1500 business and civic leaders will come together to honor the winners when they are announced on October 30th at Chicago's Harris Theater.

The innovation nominated by <u>Isis3D</u> is the Isis One dual extruder 3D printer, an advanced prosumer machine that empowers engineers, designers, architects, and hobbyists alike to prototype, create, and produce faster and better than ever before. Simultaneously rigorously engineered and open source, it features powerful precision-aligned dual extruders for soluble support, superior print quality, excellent reliability, and dynamic bed leveling and sets new standards for consumer and prosumer 3D printers.

"Chicago is in the midst of a monumental upsurge in innovation," said Tom Kuczmarski, cofounder with Chicago journalist Dan Miller of the awards. "It's inspiring to see the range of vision and the depth of talent among organizations in the Chicago area. Companies are investing in innovation and taking more risks to launch new ventures and uncover new value."

As one of the Top 100 Finalists, Isis3D will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to attend The Practical Innovator, a day-long executive education course on September 23rd led by top faculty who teach innovation at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management.

Each of the Top 100 Finalists is also in the running for the annual "People's Choice Award," selected through online balloting at <a href="http://www.chicagoinnovationawards.com">http://www.chicagoinnovationawards.com</a>. The deadline to vote is October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

Out of the Top 100 Finalists, the judges will select 10 winners of the Chicago Innovation Awards,

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as well as winners of the Up-and-Comer Awards representing innovation in the start-up community, the Social Innovator Award and the Collaboration Award. The winners will be invited to ring the NASDAQ Bell in New York City, invited to separate meetings with Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Governor Quinn, and Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle to discuss their innovation, profiled in Crain's Chicago Business, and invited to business leadership training at Disney Institute in Orlando, FL.

## About The Chicago Innovation Awards

The Chicago Innovation Awards, established in 2002, has grown from a single awards ceremony to a year-long series of events and activities designed to celebrate innovation in the Chicago region, educate people and organizations about the principles of innovation, and connect the corners of the economy by building relationships that strengthen companies, grow the economy, and create jobs. The organization's expansion has included formation of the Chicago Innovation Foundation, which promotes innovation education and provides scholarships to college students each year, as well as The Innovators Connection, which connects large companies with Chicago-based start-ups.

For more information, visit <a href="http://www.chicagoinnovationawards.com">http://www.chicagoinnovationawards.com</a> or contact Paul Kitti at paul@chicagoinnovationawards.com or 312-988-1543.

## About the Isis One

The Isis One dual extruder 3D printer closes the gap between unreliable "consumer" and prohibitively expensive "professional" 3D printers. Rigorously engineered, it features fully professional print quality, unprecedented reliability, an exceptionally large print area, and advanced capabilities that make it desirable to professionals in engineering, design, and architecture. At the same time, its very accessible price has sparked significant interest among amateurs. An R&D lab based in Chicago, IL, Isis3D marries cutting-edge technology with innovative design, constantly pushing back the frontier of 3D printing technologies.

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