

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Praeses Announced as an MTConnect Challenge 1 Winner**

*Two-part Challenge Aimed to Develop Manufacturing Solutions Using MTConnect Protocol*

**SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA – June 27, 2013** – Praeses, a national leader in innovative software development and services, announced today that its Business Technologies Division was awarded a prize in the MT Connect Challenge 1 sponsored by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Defense-wide Manufacturing Science and Technology (DMS&T). The winners were announced on June 19 during the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) meeting in Washington, DC.

MTConnect is an open, royalty-free set of communications standards intended to foster greater interoperability between manufacturing equipment, devices, and software applications and to harness the wealth of information.

Challenge 1 focused on acquiring ambitious yet achievable ideas that couple innovation and manufacturing intelligence breakthroughs. AugMT: Augmented Vision with MTConnect – the idea presented by Praeses' Business Technologies' representatives Nick Tullos and Jeb Baugh – combines processed information from MTConnect data streams with augmented reality technology available through Google Glass technologies. The system will also feedback video and audio information to various departments to address production needs.

Rob Parker, Director of Business Technologies, stated “We are extremely proud of this accomplishment as it demonstrates our expertise in the manufacturing industry, and our commitment to technology and innovation.”

MTConnect Challenge 2 is for the actual development of the ideas into functional software applications that address the objectives of the challenge. The winners for the second challenge will be announced at the [MC]2 Conference in April 2014.

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