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RUSHFORD HYPERSONIC CHOSEN AS A Top 10 SEMI-FINALIST

IN SIXTH ANNUAL MINNESOTA CUP COMPETITION

Statewide search for breakthrough business ideas attracted more than 1,000 participants

RUSHFORD, MN - June 15, 2010 – Rushford Hypersonic LLC, *Minnesota's first rural nanotechnology company*, was named as a semi-finalist, placing them in the TOP 10 of the "New High Tech Businesses" division, in the sixth annual Minnesota Cup Competition. This statewide contest seeks out and supports Minnesota's newest and most innovative businesses and ideas. Over 1,000 aspiring entrepreneurs, small businesses and other individuals submitted their breakthrough ideas in five different divisions, of which, only 10 semi-finalists were selected for the "High-Tech" second round of the contest. "*It's great that we've been able to take one of the most advanced technologies in the world and bring it to fruition in rural Minnesota*." said Daniel Fox, Rushford Hypersonic President and CEO. "*It demonstrates the potential of what a small rural business can accomplish through team work and cooperation, with state and local support*".

Rushford Hypersonic is setting new standards in the coating industry with a technology that no one else has - a high-tech nanocoating that performs differently than other coatings due to how it's generated. Rushford Hypersonic owns EXCLUSIVE rights to develop and commercialize the innovative Hypersonic Plasma Particle Deposition (HPPD) process created and patented by the University of Minnesota. The NEW CLASS of coating produced by HPPD extends the lifespan of the product coated with a hard, dense, and fracture resistant thin film coating. Additionally, the phase-changing HPPD process creates superior adhesion with a unique weld-like molecular bond of the coating *into* the products surface. The intensely durable HPPD coating resists corrosion and wear, making it ideal for use in harsh environments or adverse conditions. Potential applications are endless, but Rushford Hypersonic's initial focus includes machine tools, mechanical parts, and implantable medical devices. Go to www.rushhypersonic.com to see how Rushford Hypersonic is advancing towards their mission of becoming the leader in engineered and friction reducing coating applications for high-end tooling and wear surfaces.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Interviews with Rushford Hypersonic personnel are available upon request. Photos of the facility and HPPD coatings are available by contacting info@rushhypersonic.com. Additional information can be found at www.rushhypersonic.com