

OFS Fiber Optic Products Gain Recognition by the 2016 Lightwave Innovation Reviews



Norcross, GA – March 15, 2016 - OFS, a leading edge designer, manufacturer and supplier of innovative fiber optic network solutions, announced today that two of its products are being recognized by the 2016 Lightwave Innovation Reviews.

In these reviews, the company's LaserWave® *FLEX* WideBand Multimode Fiber received a score of 4.5 out of 5 points and the InvisiLight® Optical Solutions earned a score of 3.5 points.

Presented annually by Lightwave, the Lightwave Innovation Reviews program distinguishes products and solutions available within the optical networking industry as determined by a stellar panel of third-party judges, including executives and analysts from a wide array of service providers, technology developers, industry analysts and journalists. Products and solutions that earn a score of 3.5 or more out of 5 points are recognized.

Dr. Timothy F. Murray, CEO and Chairman of OFS, stated, "OFS appreciates this recognition of our products by the Lightwave Innovation Reviews. The LaserWave *FLEX* WideBand Multimode Fiber and InvisiLight Optical Solutions reflect our company's ongoing commitment to developing industry-leading fiber optic innovations that exceed the needs and expectations of our customers while, in turn, positively affecting the lives of end users around the globe."

Lightwave Group Publisher Rob Stuehrk remarked "On behalf of the Lightwave Innovation Reviews, I would like to congratulate OFS on their scores. This competitive, unbiased program celebrates the most original and innovative products in the optical

networking industry. We are pleased to celebrate OFS' LaserWave *FLEX* WideBand Multimode Fiber and InvisiLight Optical Solutions for their meaningful contributions to the optical networking industry.”

Designed to meet the demands of today's OM4 networks, LaserWave *FLEX* WideBand Multimode Fiber uses short wavelength division multiplexing (SWDM) to allow multiple lanes of traffic over the same strand of optical fiber. With this ability, this new fiber may increase transmission capacity by up to 400% without raising cable fiber counts. This capability can help service providers to gain greater capacity and faster speeds using less fiber, and can save them time and money while reducing cable congestion.

The InvisiLight Optical Solutions for Home and Business help service providers to offer 100X faster speeds for the Internet. The InvisiLight Indoor Living Unit (ILU) Solution enables fast, easy-to-install and almost invisible fiber drop connections for ILUs or fiber-to-the-desk (FTTD) services. The InvisiLight Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) Solution uses the same proven technology to make optical fiber readily available to each resident or tenant in a multi-unit building. In this way, these solutions can help to ensure reliable, ultra-high-speed internet and other services while significantly helping to improve the consumer experience, lower costs and speed installation.

About OFS

OFS is a world-leading designer, manufacturer and provider of optical fiber, fiber optic cable, connectivity, FTTX and specialty photonics solutions. Our marketing, sales, manufacturing and research teams provide forward-looking, innovative products and solutions in areas including Telecommunications, Medicine, Industrial Automation, Sensing, Government, Aerospace and Defense applications. We offer reliable, cost-effective optical solutions to enable our customers to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's digital and energy consumers and businesses.

OFS' corporate lineage dates back to 1876 and includes technology powerhouses such as AT&T and Lucent Technologies. Today, OFS is owned by Furukawa Electric, a publicly held, Japanese multi-billion dollar global leader in optical communications.

Headquartered in Norcross (near Atlanta) Georgia, U.S., OFS is a global provider with facilities in China, Denmark, Germany, Russia and the United States.

For more information, please visit www.ofsoptics.com.

About LIGHTWAVE

For more than 30 years, Lightwave (www.lightwaveonline.com) has delivered trusted technical, application and business insights to senior-level decision makers for optical communications worldwide. Lightwave serves technology vendors, communications carriers and major enterprises with a complete and nuanced picture of the optical communications business environment. Lightwave is a valued information source for information related to FTTX, networking, equipment design, MSO optics, and test and measurement for corporate executives, department heads, project managers, network engineers and others making strategic decisions that are critical to the success of their businesses. Lightwave is a unit of PennWell Corporation.

About the 2016 LightWave Innovation Reviews

The LightWave Innovation Reviews is in its third year of recognizing and celebrating the industry's most unique products and solutions that help optical communications professionals worldwide drive improvements and innovation in optical technology. Executives from Verizon, LightCounting Market Research, Cisco, Lumentum and Huawei were among the third-party judges for the 2016 Innovation Reviews. Criteria used in the Innovation Award rankings include, first and foremost, unique technology or application thereof, innovation, ease of use, efficiency, reliability and contribution to profitability.

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