WIGGIN AND DANA'S INNOVATION@WORK SERIES RECEIVES SILVER CONNECTICUT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD

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Wiggin and Dana is pleased to announce that the Connecticut Technology Council has been awarded a Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Innovation Prize for the "Wiggin and Dana Innovation@Work Series."

Frank Marco, Chair of Wiggin and Dana's Emerging Companies and Private Equity Practice Group, was integrally involved in the conceptualization and design of the program and serves as a member of its Steering Committee and the CTC board. According to Marco, "Wiggin and Dana is proud to be a lead sponsor of the Innovation@Work Program, as it creatively facilitates collaboration opportunities between the State's leading large companies and selected emerging growth technology companies." Marco also said that "this program is a part of the new 'culture of innovation' in this State, which CTC promotes and of which Wiggin and Dana is pleased to be involved."

Matt Nemerson, President and CEO of the CT Technology Council, says "The Wiggin and Dana Innovation@Work Program is a winning program for both the large, host company and the smaller presenting companies. The large companies are finding that there is technology right here in Connecticut that can accelerate new product development or improve current operations. Small companies are provided the opportunity to partner with a large company that can fund their new technology ideas or to whom they can sell their current products. Both sides benefit when there is a fit."

The Improvement Award is broadly based on the Malcolm Baldridge National Quality Award. The Baldridge Award was established by Congress in 1987 to recognize U.S. organizations for their achievements in quality and performance excellence as a competitive edge.

Award winners will be honored at the 18th Annual Conference on Quality and Innovation on October 20.

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The Connecticut Technology Council is the State's industry association for the technology sector. CTC's mission is to "connect people, ideas and opportunities to the global technology and innovation community." CTC provides members with business assistance and specialized programs, in addition to promoting and supporting public policies that position Connecticut to have a globally recognized "culture of innovation" that helps attract great ideas and entrepreneurs to in turn develop new jobs and wealth for the state.