



Photronics to get innovation prize

Photronics, Inc. will receive the 2002 Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Innovation Prize for its CyberMask manufacturing system.

CyberMask is a proprietary software suite that facilitates an interface with Photronics' customers in the semiconductor industry. The system automatically processes and prepares their data for manufacturing, reducing the need for manual intervention during job planning and avoiding costly delays and transcription errors.



The system enables Photronics to directly move data electronically from a customer to the lithography tools used in creating reticles or "photomasks." Photomasks are high precision quartz plates that contain microscopic images of electronic circuits that are a key element in the manufacture of semiconductors. Photomasks are used to transfer circuit patterns onto semiconductor wafers during the fabrication of integrated circuits.

The not-for-profit CQIA Partnership, a group of business people, educators, health care executives and government officials, will present the award at its 15th Annual Conference Oct. 17 at the Southbury Hilton Hotel.

For more information about Photronics, visit its Web site at <http://www.photronics.com>. ■