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**Non-Contact Fiber Connector Garners Another Industry Award
“The first major advancement for connectors in 30 years”**

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The Non-Contact (NC) fiber connector from Arrayed Fiberoptics has been selected a recipient of the prestigious 2015 Lightwave Innovation Awards. The Arrayed Fiberoptics NC fiber connector scored among the highest from all entries.

NC connectors use a revolutionary design to achieve breakthrough performance compared to existing connectors. The predominant traditional optical fiber connectors use physical contact, in which two optical fiber end faces are pushed together to eliminate the air gap between them and suppress the light reflections at the glass/air interfaces. The new NC connector avoids the physical contact between fiber end faces. It includes an intentional small air gap to prevent damage to the optical surfaces and uses anti-reflection coatings to suppress the light reflections at the glass/air interfaces for superior performance and durability.

“It is fantastic to see so many products entered in this year’s Lightwave Innovation Awards program. Among them, the Arrayed Fiberoptics Corporation non-contact optical fiber connector is especially noteworthy. The judges were impressed by the product's capabilities, especially its unique features regarding compatibility, mating life, insensitivity to foreign materials like dust and dirt, and the ability to function in high-vibration environments,” said Tim Hermes, Publisher of Lightwave.

In 2014 the Arrayed Fiberoptics NC fiber connector was also a finalist in the highly-competitive SPIE Photonics Prism award. It was the subject of a special report by the Lightreading website, which calls the NC fiber connector “arguably the first major advancement for connectors in 30 years”. (See [http://www.](http://www.lightreading.com/optical/optical-components/the-lowly-optical-connector-gets-a-makeover/d/d-id/695655)

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Tens of thousands of NC fiber connectors have been deployed in transceiver production by customers, and show impressive results. According to one customer, device damage from connector testing has been reduced by a factor of five. Further, the mating life of the fiber connector has been improved by an order of magnitude. NC connectors also excel in mating repeatability, user friendliness, and return loss.

NC connectors will be on display at the OFC show, booth 2239.

About Arrayed Fiberoptics Corporation

Arrayed Fiberoptics Corporation (AFC) develops a variety of differentiated optical fiber components. Product portfolio includes NC fiber connectors, 2D fiber arrays and 2D collimator arrays. AFC pioneered the silicon 2D fiber array by DRIE process and holds the US patent for this product. AFC's products are used by leading and emerging communications and industrial equipment manufacturers. AFC is headquartered in Sunnyvale, California. www.arrayedfiberoptics.com.

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