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Quintessence Photonics Corporation wins subcontract for U.S. Department of Defense high power high brightness semiconductor laser program

(SYLMAR, CA) Wednesday May 31, 2006 — Quintessence Photonics Corporation, a subsidiary of QPC Lasers, Inc. (OTCBB:[QPCI](#) - [News](#)), a world leader in the design and manufacture of high brightness, high power semiconductor lasers, announced today that it has received a subcontract for the development of high power high brightness semiconductor lasers as part of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's (DARPA) program for Architecture for Diode High Energy Laser Systems (ADHELs). QPCI's portion of the DARPA award is for \$3.1M including all phases.

The DARPA ADHELs program is a 36 month program dedicated to developing direct electric-to-optical semiconductor laser architectures to produce a new generation of compact high brightness high energy laser systems. The program aims to generate high power, high brightness laser beams of military interest for tactical applications.

"Defense applications are an area of strategic focus for QPCI, and we are very pleased to have been competitively selected for award for this pioneering program. Our work for the program will combine our proprietary and patented surface emitting laser with our high power multi-watt, single mode, single frequency laser technologies at wavelengths suitable for efficient atmospheric transmission" stated Paul Rudy, Ph.D., Vice President of Marketing and Sales for QPCI.

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About Quintessence Photonics Corporation

Quintessence Photonics Corporation (www.qpclasers.com) is a world leader in the development and commercialization of high brightness, high power semiconductor lasers for the industrial, defense, and medical markets. Founded in the year 2000, QPCI is vertically integrated from epitaxy through packaging and performs all critical fabrication processes at its state-of-the-art high-technology facility in the Los Angeles suburb of Sylmar, CA.

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