



## Press Release

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### **Parata Honored for Entrepreneurial Excellence as "Growth Company of Year"**

*20<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to RTP Regional Entrepreneurs and High-Growth Leaders*

**DURHAM, N.C. (June 22, 2006)** – Parata Systems, Durham, N.C.-based provider of technologies that enhance the safety and accuracy of the retail pharmacy process, is the region's "Growth Company of the Year," according to the Council for Entrepreneurial Development's (CED) which honored Parata at its 20<sup>th</sup> annual Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards event, held last evening in Durham.

The award acknowledges a high-growth company that successfully navigates early-stage waters to achieve significant, long-term value as a company. Parata Systems introduced breakthrough counting technology in 2001 with its flagship Parata RDS (Robotic Dispensing System). Parata RDS set new benchmarks for safety and productivity in retail pharmacies' prescription process, accurately automating up to 154 prescriptions/hour and handling 50-65 percent of total prescription volume.

Parata RDS earned rapid market acceptance and a strong market share in this emerging segment, securing a long-term agreement from a leading national retailer to install its solution, in addition to broad community pharmacy adoption. During that time, Parata grew from 10 to 210 employees, including nationally based field service and sales teams.

"Parata is thrilled to be honored by CED and to be recognized among the many great companies thriving in this region," Jess Eberdt, CEO, Parata Systems, said. "Our growth is due in no small part to the excellent talent available in this market. We are proud to contribute to the region's economic vitality."

Parata recently announced that it will acquire the McKesson Automated Prescription System (APS) business unit of FORTUNE 16 McKesson Corporation.

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### About Parata Systems

Founded in 2001, Parata System's flagship product, Parata RDS (Robotic Dispensing System), counts 30 tablets/second to accurately process up to 154 prescriptions an hour. In about 20 seconds, Parata RDS selects and labels a vial, fills, caps and sorts by patient last name. Its drug-to-vial accuracy is 100 percent. And at just 12 square feet, the sleek, compact machine is an easy fit in any pharmacy, occupying the space of a single shelving unit. Parata Systems is based in Durham, N.C. Call, click or visit Parata Systems, [www.parata.com](http://www.parata.com), [info@parata.com](mailto:info@parata.com), 1-888-PARATA1 (727-2821).

### About Council for Entrepreneurial Development

The Council for Entrepreneurial Development (CED) was founded in 1984 to stimulate the creation and growth of high impact companies in the greater Research Triangle area. CED achieves its mission by providing programs and services in four major areas: education, capital formation, mentoring, and communications. Through these efforts, CED provides entrepreneurs with the knowledge and skills that ensure their success and at the same time heightens awareness of the contribution that entrepreneurial companies make to our communities and our economy. Learn more at [www.cednc.org](http://www.cednc.org).

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