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## Cohera's leader is Council's CEO of Year

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Patrick Daly was named CEO of the Year by the Pittsburgh Technology Council during the council's annual Tech 50 awards ceremony Tuesday night at the Consol Energy Center, downtown.

Daly leads Cohera Medical Inc., a North Shore medical device company that is developing a line of surgical adhesives. Cohera also was named the winner in the Tech 50's life sciences category.

Finalists for the CEO of the Year award were Jeff Kendall of Liberty Tire Recycling, Justin McElhattan of Industrial Scientific Corp. and Chris Robins of BodyMedia.

The council named winners in seven categories, such as those for start-up and advanced manufacturing companies. The annual awards recognize the 50 top technology companies in the 13-county Western Pennsylvania region that show strong growth, financial strength, job creation and innovation.

Daly started as the first employee of Cohera in 2006. The company was created with technology developed by researchers at the University of Pittsburgh.

In his tenure with Cohera, Daly has "focused the company on building the infrastructure for long-term growth, building investor confidence and opening the door to recruitment of top talent," according to the council. Daly has raised more than \$41 million from investors since 2006, the company has said.

Earlier this month, the company announced plans to begin selling its internal surgical adhesive in Germany, after the adhesive received

the European Union's CE Mark approval. And it also plans to seek Food and Drug Administration approval so it can sell the product in the United States.

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In other categories, Aquion Energy was named Start-up Company of the Year. Aquion Energy, Lawrenceville, is developing a new type of battery using sodium-ion technology.

Aquion was founded in 2008 by Jay Whitacre, a Carnegie Mellon University assistant professor of materials science, engineering and public policy.

The company, which had a half-dozen workers a year ago, now employs more than 30.

## Tech 50 awards

### ■ Innovator

Winner: Dynamics Inc.

Finalists: Allpoint Systems LLC, BodyMedia, Bossa Nova Robotics Inc., Ex One, ModCloth Inc., Omnyx, Thorley Industries dba 4moms, Voci Technologies Inc.

### ■ Life Sciences

Winner: Cohera Medical Inc.

Finalists: CardiacAssist Inc., Complexa Inc., Foundation Radiology Group, Invivodata Inc., McKesson Automation Inc., Net Health Systems Inc., Precision Therapeutics

### ■ Tech Titan

Winner: TeleTracking Technologies Inc.

Finalists: Ansaldo STS USA Inc., Ansys Inc., Concurrent Technologies Corp., FedEx Ground

### ■ Technology Accelerator

Winner: AEC Group Inc.

Finalists: Data Science Automation Inc., SDLC Partners L.P., Sierra w/o Wires Inc., Summa Technologies

### ■ Advanced Manufacturing

Winner: Industrial Scientific Corp.

Finalists: Kennametal Inc., RE2 Inc., US Liner Co.

### ■ Information Technology

Winner: Vivisimo Inc.

Finalists: Confluence, EyeFlow LLC, M<sup>2</sup>Modal

### ■ Start-Up

Winner: Aquion Energy

Finalists: Carmell Therapeutics Corp., C-leveled, Deeplocal Inc., Evil Genius Designs, Intimate Bridge to Conception, Metis Secure Solutions, SnapRetail, Songwhale LLC, Thermal Therapeutics Systems Inc., Wombat Security Technologies