

Information to build your business.

Inside Market Intelligence you'll find information on bankruptcies, tax liens, new business openings, awards, moves and other data that we gather from courthouses, government offices, informational Web sites, and information submitted by readers in the 7-county metro area.



Use this section to identify new and expanding companies and new customers. Find clues about the financial condition of your vendors, customers or competitors. Learn about the area's biggest real estate deals.

Explanations of these listings are included throughout the section.

We welcome submissions of the following announcements for publication in the Market Intelligence section: company relocations, awards, expansions, openings, new products, mergers and acquisitions, to Announcements, Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal, 120 South 6th St., Suite 900, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Fax: (612) 288-2121. Email to mspbjannouncements@bizjournals.com

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Co., PJW Automotive, Customer Driven Realty, Fairview Health Services, Barn Light Electric, Restoration Professionals, Sentient Consultants, United Scientific and Coretrate.

Minneapolis-based **LaBreche** launched a marketing stimulus package, offering \$25,000 of hourly time free to new clients who sign on with the firm in the first half of the year.

MED TECH

Eden Prairie-based **SurModics Inc.** entered into a credit agreement with San Francisco-based Wells Fargo Bank that extends to SurModics up to \$25 million under an unsecured revolving credit facility for a term of two years.

PATENT INFORMATION

PatentBuddy.com, Minneapolis, added 3.5 million inventor records and divided its Web site into "for Attorneys" and "for Inventors" sections.

POST-PRODUCTION

Crash+Sues, Minneapolis, joined forces with the Not For Sale non-profit organization and Minneapolis-based Martin|Williams Advertising to create "Shadows," a 60-second spot informing viewers that slavery still exists.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Vast Enterprises, Minneapolis, retained **David Aquilina**, Strategic Storyteller, Minneapolis, to provide public relations and media relations services for the company.

McFarland Cahill Communications, Prior Lake, added three companies to its client list: Contigo, Chicago; All Inc. Appliances and Cabinets in St. Paul; and Navigate Forward, Minneapolis.

REAL ESTATE

Minnetonka-based **Opus Northwest Management's** Crescent Ridge Corporate Ridge Corporate Center I in Minnetonka received LEED-EB (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings) Gold certification for a multi-tenant building from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Management Resolutions, a division of Eagan-based JBL Cos., has been court-appointed to manage, lease and operate an auto service center, convenience store and car wash in White Bear Lake; convenience stores in North Minneapolis and Blaine; four medical professional buildings in Maplewood and White Bear Lake; and a single-family residence in Bloomington. In addition, the company helped facilitate the sale of rowhouses on Snelling Avenue in St. Paul and the Primrose Office Building in Roseville.

Min Hunger" lid redemption program. Old Home will donate 10 cents for each lid redeemed from Old Home Sour Cream and Old Home Organic Milk products, with a guaranteed minimum donation of \$10,000.

BANKING

Fortune magazine ranked San Francisco-based **Wells Fargo & Co.**, which has a large operation in the Twin Cities, 14th on its annual list of "World's Most Admired Companies."

CONSTRUCTION

Minneapolis-based Grand T Builders completed construction of the new Fairview Rosemount medical office building. Tenants include the Fairview Rosemount Clinic and the Institute for Athletic Medicine. The design/development team of Minneapolis-based **Fairview Health Services**, St. Paul-based **McRoberts Real Estate**, Grand T Builders, St. Louis Park-based **WCL Associates Inc.**, Edina-based **BDH & Young**, **Yaggy Colby Associates** in Eagan, Plymouth-based **OlympiaTech Electric** and **Allan Mechanical Inc.** in Eden Prairie are seeking LEED Certification on the first of two 10,000-square-foot medical office buildings on the site.

Roseville-based **Sebesta Blomberg's** Arlington, Va., office suite was awarded a LEED for Commercial Interiors certification at the gold level from the U.S. Green Building Council.

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NEW PRODUCTS

Mariner Software Inc., Minneapolis, released Mariner Calc for iPhone.

Plymouth-based **Ecessa** launched a new family of ShieldLink products with a built-in firewall and virtual private network gateway.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Susan Davis-Ali, owner of St. Paul-based Leadership1, released the book, **How to Become Successful Without Becoming a Man**, available at xlibris.com.

OPENINGS

Overland Park, Kan.-based **TPP Certified Public Accountants** opened a branch office at 10173 Pleasure Creek Pkwy. W., Blaine 55434. Brent Blacklock, CPA, will head the office. Phone is (763) 390-9206.

Bella Angel 3D/4D Imaging opened at 11663 Fountains Dr., Suite 102, Maple Grove 55369. Phone is (763) 424-2500.

COMPANY NOTES

ACQUISITION RESEARCH

Minnetonka-based **Packard Acquisitions** launched a blog for mergers and acquisitions advisers to private companies at pacquisions.wordpress.com/2009/01/.

Architecture's design of the Watertown-Mayer Elementary School in Watertown was awarded a citation by the 2009 Architectural Jury of the American Association of School Administrators/American Institute of Architects/Council of Educational Facility Planners International as part of the Shirley Cooper and Walter Taylor Awards Program.

Transwestern, which has an office in Minneapolis, received an Energy Star Sustained Excellence Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its leadership in protecting the environment and increasing energy efficiency across its managed portfolio.

Marlys Fiterman, a long-term care insurance specialist with Bloomington-based Newman Long Term Care, received a 2009 Long-Term Care Sales Achievement Award from the Westlake Village, Calif.-based American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance. She was recognized as the leading professional in Minnesota and No. 38 nationwide.

Stacey Marmolejo, owner of the Paul Green School of Rock Music's locations in St. Paul and Eden Prairie, received a Leon A. McNeill Distinguished Alumni Award from her alma mater, Newman University in Wichita, Kan.

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

Eagan-based **River City Mortgage & Financial** acquired the assets of Edina-based American Mortgage Corp. River City is now originating loans in several offices formerly occupied by American Mortgage, including Edina, Elk River, Coon Rapids and Eden Prairie.

AWARDS

Carmichael Lynch Spong, Minneapolis, received an award for Best Use of Research/Management at the 2009 *PRWeek* Awards for a campaign with Trane Inc.

Eagan-based **Cheerful Givers** received the 2009 statewide Touchtone Energy Community Award during the Minnesota Rural Electrical Association's annual meeting.

Minneapolis-based **Cunningham Group**

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TECHNOLOGY

Marco, St. Paul, earned Microsoft Corp.'s Unified Communications – IM Presence and Messaging Specializations certification. It also was recognized by Hewlett-Packard Development Co. as a 2008 Premier Authorized Support Partner.

Minneapolis-based **Agosto Inc.** landed on Nine Lives Media Inc.'s second annual MSPmentor 100, a research report identifying the world's most progressive managed service providers.

Minnetonka-based **Z Systems Inc.** created a new professional audio division, Paul Henry Pro Audio.

WATER CONDITIONING

The U.S. Patent Office issued U.S. patent number 7,497,947, "Devices for Water Treatment," to inventors Dr. David Knighton and Vance Fiegel, co-founders of Plymouth-based **Creative Water Solutions**.

BANKRUPTCIES

The following bankruptcies were recently filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of Minnesota Minneapolis Division and St. Paul Division. N/A represents data not available.

CHAPTER 7

Chapter 7 is a "straight" liquidation bankruptcy involving an appointed trustee to sell all assets by auction or other means to pay creditors and trustee fees.

Minneapolis Division

Microgistix Inc., 221 N. First St., Minneapolis 55401; Assets, \$352,746; Debts, \$184,028; Major Creditor, Webroot Software, \$106,425; Attorney, Matthew R. Burton; case #09-41470, 03/16/09.

Microgistix Operations Inc., 221 N. First St., Minneapolis 55401; Assets, \$133,932; Debts, \$3,403,308; Major Creditor, Advanced Duplication Service, \$397,360; Attorney, Matthew R. Burton; case #09-41471, 03/16/09.

St. Paul Division

Hawk Drywall Inc., 18929 English Ave., Farmington 55024; Assets, \$6,600; Debts, \$315,010; Major Creditor, Drywall Supply Inc., \$198,326; Attorney, Steven C. Opheim; case #09-31559, 03/13/09.

JUDGMENTS

Judgments are filed in the District Civil Court. Civil judgments filed against businesses for \$7,500 or more are published in the following order: defendant name, defendant address, plaintiff name, amount of judgment, case number and recording date.

Carver County

Willow Creek Construction/Lawrence A. Smith, 28855 County State Aid Highway 4, Dassel 55325; Security Bank of Howard Lake, \$303,535, case #10 CV 08 2017, 02/17/09.

Gourmet Taste USA Inc., 301 Industrial Blvd., Norwood Young American 55397; TEK Mechanical Services Inc., \$41,899, case #10 CV 07 1300, 01/07/09.