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OTTC Client Lumidigm Receives Two New Awards

Biometrics firm wins for technology and best workplace.

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – November 7, 2006 – Fresh from winning the federal government’s Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program’s prestigious Tibbetts Award, Cal State San Bernardino OTTC client Lumidigm has added two more trophies. First up is the New Mexico Information Technology & Software Association’s (NMITSA) 2006 IT Excellence Award for Integrated Systems.

The state of New Mexico has become a hot house for growing innovative advanced technologies. From its long-established astronomical observatory complexes to the Virgin Atlantic-backed new space port taking form near Las Cruces, New Mexico businesses continue to carve out significant new advanced technologies there.

The NMITSA award program reflects the importance of high technology industries for the state. Awards are made in six technology categories, and the program also recognizes significant achievements in four other areas.

Dr. Matthew Ennis, Director of Business Development for Albuquerque-based Lumidigm, said, “Cal State’s OTTC program awarded us a CCAT [Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology] grant to integrate our multispectral fingerprint technology with multiple types of security systems. It’s that work that has been recognized with the Integrated Systems Award from NMITSA.”

Lumidigm’s proprietary system combines hardware and software in a package that results in a completely reliable fingerprint scanner using what it calls “multispectral” imaging, extracting information from both the surface and sub-surface of the finger. It’s virtually impossible to fool the Lumidigm scanner with a fake finger or “spoof” print. Unlike traditional two-dimensional fingerprint systems, the Lumidigm approach is also much more environmentally stable and unaffected by extremes of high or low humidity.

The second award recognizes Lumidigm as one of New Mexico Business Weekly’s Best Places to Work. The company “earned this distinction by being one of the top-scoring companies on an Employee Engagement Survey, according to research by the Business Weekly and Quantum Market Research,” says publisher Sherri Wells. The award will be presented at a ceremony on December 8.

Funds for CCAT awards come from the Office of Naval Research, which funds CCAT through the San Diego State University Foundation. CCAT has two program centers in Southern California, one in San Diego and the other at CSU San Bernardino, which is managed by OTTC.

About the Office of Technology Transfer and Commercialization (OTTC)

OTTC (<http://ottc.csusb.edu>) is the management office for a grant program known as CCAT, Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology, funded by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) through Congressman Jerry Lewis's office. The Foundation for California State University, San Bernardino hosts and oversees OTTC. CCAT provides grants intended to be used in two ways: (1) to help companies develop commercial applications for technologies that have been developed in government laboratories; and (2) to help the government find technologies it needs for defense and homeland security needs and help them along so they can enter government procurement channels. OTTC is a two-way conduit that acts as a virtual incubator for advanced technology.

About Lumidigm

Lumidigm, Inc. has developed and deployed novel identity and access control solutions using biometrics that work in the real world. Lumidigm generates secure optical fingerprints by harnessing the complex interactions between skin and light. With commercial partners, venture funding, and government sponsors, Lumidigm provides identity management for civil identification, point-of-sale, physical and logical access, and portable electronic device applications. Millions of people have used our sensors. Lumidigm was founded in 2001 and is headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico. More information is available at www.lumidigm.com.

About the Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology (CCAT)

The Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology (CCAT) is supported by Congress and funded by the Department of Defense as a public-private collaborative partnership among academia, industry, and government. With Centers located at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) and San Diego State University (SDSU), the CCAT program provides funding and business development support services to small entrepreneurs, small businesses, and government/university research scientists that have developed technology for use in the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, as well as the commercial marketplace. Additional program partners include the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Jacobs School of Engineering, von Liebig Center and The Security Network with support from the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, San Diego. For more information about CCAT, visit <http://www.ccatsocal.org>.