

## Iowa Venture Award 2011 Company Paragraphs

### Clickstop, Inc.

Clickstop, Inc. located in Urbana, Iowa began in 2005 when the President and CEO, Tim Guenther realized a market niche as a direct supplier of cargo control products to the freight industry. The company grew rapidly as they broadened their marketing efforts with web-based online presence. In 2011, the company expanded and built a 35,000 sq. ft. office and warehouse distribution space in Urbana. Today the company employs 42 people and expects continued growth as it retails a wide variety of products on the world wide web.

### Golden Eagle Distributing Company

Golden Eagle Distributing Company is a beverage distributor that operated from locations in Ottumwa and Burlington for 30 years. As part of expansion, modernization and efficiency efforts the company recently consolidated operations to a new facility in the Crossroads Industrial Park in Mount Pleasant along U.S. Highway 34 and 218. The new facility is a 71,000 sq. ft. warehousing distribution facility and corporate office. The facility averages 25 to 30 truck deliveries per week and handles 500 to 700 different kinds of beverages at the warehouse. The Golden Eagle location employs 50 people and distributes to 18 counties in southern Iowa.

### Icon Ag & Turf

Regional John Deere dealership, Icon Ag & Turf, located its new headquarter location in Le Mars. The new facility has visibility along Hwy 60 and offers great access for serving customers and getting equipment in and out. The headquarter location provides services and support to other northwest Iowa stores in Ireton, Doon, Paulina and Lawton more efficiently. The 40,000 sq. ft. facility employs 23 people.

### Interpower Corporation

Interpower Corporation is a world leader and supplier of power system components to original equipment manufacturers in the medical, technical device and equipment industries. The company established their operation in Oskaloosa, Iowa in 1993 after relocating from California. Since their relocation to Iowa, the company has gone on to open a European branch and a facility in Ames. In 2004 Interpower selected Lamoni for another production facility for electrical cords and molded cord sets. The company continues to strengthen and diversify their operations and

just completed a 22,000 sq.ft. addition at their Lamoni facility. The company employs over 80 people in Iowa and serves the needs of customers throughout the world winning their business on quality and speed.

### Iowa Cage-free

Iowa Cage-free is Iowa's newest egg production facility. The six building complex, houses 600,000 layers and produces over 5.3 million eggs annually. Iowa Cage-free is utilizing the latest technology available and has incorporated new concepts and features to address layer comfort and productivity. The facility contributes to the regional health of the ag economy by utilizing over 900,000 bushels of corn and soybeans and by providing a source of high quality fertilizer for grain producers throughout the area.

### Iowa Protein Solutions

Iowa Protein Solutions (IPS) found a niche serving the food processing industry and helping their parent company, Dakota Pack utilize waste stream by-products. Today, the waste management company produces bone meal, blood meal and yellow grease for animal feed and other purposes. The company's Founder and CEO Doug Skinner bought a vacated feed mill site south of Estherville. IPS employs 14 people and is providing a vital service for Dakota Pack and others in the food processing and livestock industries.

### Royal Oaks Development Corporation

Royal Oaks Development Corporation has a long and distinguished entrepreneurial history. It began in 1971 with the launch of Mi-T-M Corporation in Peosta, Iowa. Mi-T-M began manufacturing high pressure washers for a variety of commercial applications and now employs 320 people. Their products ship throughout the nation and worldwide. In 1984 Peosta Warehousing was established on the west side of Peosta. The campus now boasts over 1.6 million sq.ft. of industrial and warehousing distribution facilities. Royal Oaks has built numerous housing subdivisions and other businesses in and around Dubuque and Peosta. The company's attention has recently shifted to Bellevue where they constructed City Centre Condos and most recently the Off Shore Business Park, Bar & Grill and Event Center along the Mississippi River. The 40 acre complex required remediation and Royal Oaks immediately began to clean up the site and move thousands of tons of dirt to make the property suitable for construction. Today the Off Shore Business Park event center and restaurant are destination locations with a spectacular view of the Mississippi River. Future plans include a hotel to serve growing business and tourism needs.

Delta Dental of Iowa (in the main press release but here is an expanded version)

For over 50 years Delta Dental of Iowa has provided dental health coverage for families, employers and dental practitioners. Delta Dental is committed to improving oral health by emphasizing preventative care and making dental coverage accessible to all Iowans. Delta Dental is also dedicated to assisting dental professionals in finding practice opportunities in Iowa.

Since 2003 Delta Dental of Iowa has been encouraging the location of dentists in rural Iowa by helping pay down their tuition debt. In total, 18 dentists and communities across Iowa have benefited from their leadership and generosity. In September, of this year, Delta Dental of Iowa surpassed the \$1 million mark in assistance for rural Iowa dentists. In 2008, The FIND project was launched. FIND, (Fulfilling Iowa's Need for Dentists), connects graduating dentists with communities in need. FIND is a partnership of Delta Dental of Iowa, the Iowa Department of Health, the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Iowa Area Development Group. Through a partnership with the State of Iowa the FIND initiative recently received \$50,000 from the Iowa Legislature that will serve as matching funds to further assist the FIND program and Delta Dental's commitment to rural Iowa.

Valley of the Moon Commercial Poults

The 2011 "Outstanding Business of the Year" Venture Award was presented to Valley of the Moon Commercial Poults, Inc. and Aviagen Turkeys, Inc., a global market leader in poultry genetics, for locating Valley of the Moon Commercial Poults in Osceola, Iowa. The new 87,000 sq. ft. single-stage hatchery, with capacity to incubate over 50 million eggs per year and provide poults throughout the U.S., is the largest turkey hatchery in world.