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**Finalists Selected for 2008 Maryland Incubator Company  
of the Year Awards**

***21 Finalists Chosen in Seven Categories from Maryland's Incubators;  
Winners to be Announced at Awards Ceremony on June 10***

**COLUMBIA, Md.** (April 29, 2008) – The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED), the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO), RSM McGladrey, Inc., and Saul Ewing LLP announced today the 21 finalists for the eighth annual Maryland Incubator Company of the Year Awards. The awards recognize the achievements of current and graduate companies within Maryland's incubator network. Winners will be announced at a ceremony at the Center Club in Baltimore on June 10, 2008.

New to the awards program for 2008 is the category of Best Homeland Security Company. This year's awards also will mark the successful growth and achievements of one incubator graduate company that will be inducted into the Maryland Incubator Company "Hall of Fame." During the awards ceremony last year, Digene Corporation joined Martek Biosciences Corporation as only the second company to be inducted into the "Hall of Fame." The Greater Baltimore Technology Council (GBTC), the Maryland Business Incubation Association (MBIA) and the Mid-Atlantic Venture Association (MAVA) are also partners of this year's program.

"The promise and potential of the companies located in Maryland's incubator system are what keep our state at the forefront of technology research and development," said David Edgerley, secretary of DBED. "The Maryland Incubator Company of the Year Awards is a way to credit and acknowledge the incredible innovation that takes place in the state everyday."

"Maryland's incubator network is flourishing and the companies highlighted through this awards program showcase the best of the best in the state," said Renée Winsky, president and executive director of TEDCO. "TEDCO is proud to play a role in fostering the continued growth and success of these 21 companies, and Maryland's incubator community."

The categories, finalists and incubators are:

**Life Science Companies**

Biomedica Management Corporation (UMBC)  
Integrated BioTherapeutics, Inc. (FITCI)  
Neogenix Oncology, Inc. (SGIC)

**Information Technology Companies**

Exponential Storage (CIC)  
Millennial Media, Inc. (ETC)  
Synaptic Science LLC (RIC)

**Technology Service Companies**

Amethyst Technologies, LLC (UMBC)  
Audacious Inquiry, LLC (NEO)  
Government Contracts Consultants (GIEC)

**New Companies**

AccuStrata, Inc. (TAP)  
HSRL, Inc. (FITCI)  
MailHarbor, Inc. (ETC)

**Technology Transfer Companies**

Applied Sensor Research & Development Corporation (ETC)  
Bartron Medical Imaging, Inc. (TAC)  
Zymetis, Inc. (TAP)

**Homeland Securities Companies**

Instant Access Networks, LLC (TAWES)  
Soteria Network Technologies (ETC)  
TRX Systems, Inc. (TAP)

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**Graduate Companies**

A&G Pharmaceutical, Inc. (ETC)  
PharmAthene, Inc. (CIC)  
Lentigen Corporation (UMBC)

**Incubator Key:** Chesapeake Innovation Center (CIC), Annapolis; Emerging Technology Center (ETC), Baltimore; Frederick Innovative Technology Center Inc. (FITCI), Frederick; Garrett Information Enterprise Center (GIEC), McHenry; NeoTech Incubator (NEO), Columbia; Rockville Innovation Center (RIC), Rockville; Shady Grove Innovation Center (SGIC), Rockville [formerly the Maryland Technology Development Center]; Technology Assistance Center (TAC), Largo; Technology Advancement Program (TAP), College Park; techcenter@UMBC, Catonsville; Tawes Science/Technology Incubator (TAWES), Frostburg.

“This year’s applicant pool was very competitive and filled with talent,” said Tanya D. Berlage, a partner at Saul Ewing. “The applicants ranged from a company that provides innovative products designed to revolutionize mobile advertising to a company that develops unique tracking devices that can locate individuals inside buildings through sensors and wireless systems, potentially saving the lives of firefighters and other rescue workers. This year’s finalists represent the diverse and multifaceted technology development taking place in Maryland. Saul Ewing is pleased to once again be involved in this important recognition program.”

“The participants and finalists in this year’s Maryland Incubator Company of the Year Awards serve as stellar examples of early-stage and graduated technology development companies,” said Brian S. Meritt, a managing director with RSM McGladrey, Inc. “By creating advances in areas ranging from internet security to cancer treatment, these companies are adding to the ever-growing accomplishments in their fields and the Maryland incubator system.”

The selection committee this year includes: Jonathan Aberman, Amplifier Venture Partners; Tanya D. Berlage, Saul Ewing LLP; Wagish Bhartiya, Grotech Ventures; Phil Bronner, Novak Biddle Venture Partners; Jack Cahill, DBED; Patrick Cairns, Grotech Ventures; Somak Chattopadhyay, Greenhill SAVP; Christine Cople, Starise Ventures; Martha J. Connolly, University of Maryland; Brian P. Darmody, University of Maryland, Research & Economic Development; Ray Dizon, DBED; Josh Fidler, Boulder Ventures; David J. Freschman, Innovation Capital Advisors, LLC; Elizabeth Good Mazhari, University of Maryland, Baltimore; Mark Grovic, New Markets Growth Fund; Jack Hollerbach, HarVest Bank of Maryland; Andy Jones, Boulder Ventures; Tina M. Katcheves, Saul Ewing LLP; Rick A. Kohr Jr., Evergreen Capital; Steve Kozak, Greater Baltimore Technology Council; JB Lockhart, Greenhill SAVP; Lenard Marcus, Edison Venture Fund; Brian Meritt, RSM McGladrey, Inc.; Eric G. Orlinsky, Saul Ewing LLP; Alexander Perry, Anthem Capital; Michael L. Salgaller, Calibrant Biosystems; Heidi Sheppard, TEDCO; Sever Totia, Edison Venture Fund; Geeta S. Vemuri, Quaker BioVentures; Steve Walker, Steve Walker & Associates; Jonathan Wallace, WWC Capital Group; Renee M. Winsky, TEDCO; Jeffery N. Zinn, Saul Ewing LLP; and Matt Zuga, Red Abbey Ventures Partners.

**Maryland Incubator Company of the Year Awards** recognize the achievements of current and graduate companies within Maryland’s incubators. Application finalists and category winners are chosen by a group of regional industry leaders and early-stage investors. The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED), the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO), RSM McGladrey, Inc., and Saul Ewing LLP are the awards’ sponsors. The Greater Baltimore Technology Council (GBTC), the Maryland Business Incubation Association (MBIA) and the Mid-Atlantic Venture Association (MAVA) are partners of this year’s program. For more information, visit [www.mdincubatoraward.com](http://www.mdincubatoraward.com).

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