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To date, Advantage Capital has partnered with its portfolio companies to help create more than 12,070 jobs nationwide and our investments have resulted in more than \$5.3 billion in follow-on capital.

Advantage Capital News

Advantage Capital participates in \$3.5 million funding round for Austin, Texas-based SensorTran

[SensorTran, Inc.](#), the developer of the world's most advanced distributed temperature sensing (DTS) technologies, has announced a \$3.5 million round of venture capital financing, which will be used for working capital and to accelerate the growth of SensorTran's Smart Grid and wellbore monitoring businesses. Participants in the round included Advantage Capital Partners, Expansion Capital Partners, WHEB Ventures, and Stonehenge Capital Company. To read more about the SensorTran investment, click [here](#).

Advantage Capital first invested in SensorTran in 2007 with funds raised in connection with the federal New Markets Tax Credit program and the Texas Certified Capital Company program. For more on SensorTran, go [here](#).

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Advantage Capital receives RCGA 2008 Greater St. Louis Top 50 Award

Advantage Capital Partners has been selected by the St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association (RCGA) as one of the recipients of the 2008 Greater St. Louis Top 50. The award recognizes companies that have made significant contributions to the St. Louis region.

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Portfolio Company News

AuthenTec, a Florida CAPCO investment, expands Melbourne operations

[AuthenTec](#), the world's leading provider of fingerprint sensors and solutions, announced that it has completed an office consolidation and expansion of its Melbourne, Florida operations and headquarters location. The company's full-time staff has grown by more than 80 percent in the past three years, from 77 to 130 worldwide including 95 in Melbourne. AuthenTec recently consolidated two Melbourne operations into one newly expanded office location at 100 Rialto Place. To continue reading, click [here](#).

Advantage Capital made its first investment in AuthenTec in 1999 through Florida's Certified

Capital Company program. The company completed a successful Initial Public Offering in June 2007.

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Hawaii Biotech completes dosing of phase 1 trial for West Nile Virus

[Hawaii Biotech, Inc.](#) announced that it has completed dosing of healthy subjects in a multiple dose safety study of its West Nile Virus vaccine. President and CEO Elliot Parks, Ph.D., indicated that preliminary safety results and immunologic data from the 24 subjects treated with three doses of the vaccine will be available early in 2009. Complete results are expected to be announced by third quarter 2009. To continue reading, go [here](#).

Advantage Capital first invested in Hawaii Biotech in 2003 with funds raised in connection with Hawaii's High Technology Business Investment Tax Credit program, designed to encourage investment in Hawaii's high-tech companies.

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Advantage portfolio company SOMS Technologies featured in *The Wall Street Journal* and *Crain's New York*

The microGreen™ oil filter from Valhalla, New York-based [SOMS Technologies](#) was recently featured in a *Wall Street Journal* article highlighting the oil filter's capabilities and potential to conserve both oil and money. Click [here](#) to read the full article. In addition, an article published in *Crain's New York Business* talks about the microGreen oil filter features and Pace University's new initiative to use the oil filter on all campus vehicles. Click [here](#) to read more.

SOMS Technologies' microGreen™ oil filter replaces a conventional oil filter assembly without requiring any modifications to the engine or filter housing. By continuously filtering a small portion of the engine oil through the patented, secondary microfilter system, the microGreen filtration system allows a vehicle to operate up to 30,000 miles without changing the engine oil. The microGreen system reduces oil use by 70 percent and reduces filter use by 50 percent, providing end users with economic and environmental value.

Advantage Capital's investment in SOMS Technologies was made in connection with New York's Certified Capital Company program.

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Virent Energy Systems, a Wisconsin CAPCO investment, named one of "The 50 Hottest Companies in Bioenergy" by *Biofuels Digest*

[Virent Energy Systems](#), a hydrocarbon biofuels company, has been named to the 2008 - 2009 *Biofuels Digest* "50 Hottest Companies in Bioenergy" list, which recognizes innovation and achievement in bioenergy development. Advantage Capital portfolio company, Virent, was ranked in the top ten. To continue reading, go [here](#).

In other news, Virent recently announced that it has been named a Technology Pioneer 2009 by the World Economic Forum. The award recognizes the significant contribution of Virent Founder and CTO, Dr. Randy Cortright, to the innovation and success of the company. Virent was one of 34 companies from 15 countries honored and the only biofuels company recognized among 11 energy and environmentally focused enterprises. To continue reading,

go [here](#).

Advantage Capital invested in Virent Energy Systems in 2005 with funds raised in connection with the Wisconsin Certified Capital Company program.

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Advantage People

Les Alexander serves on panel at Mississippi Technology Alliance Annual Conference on High Technology



Advantage Capital senior vice president Les Alexander recently served as a panel member at the 9th Annual Conference on High Technology, presented by the [Mississippi Technology Alliance](#) and the Mississippi Research Consortium. Alexander participated on a panel titled "Regional Capital Coalitions: Sources of Financing for Local Deals."

The conference was held on December 9-10 at the Mississippi TelCom Center in Jackson. Conference attendees included investors, entrepreneurs, economic developers and business and technology professionals from across the state. The mission of the Mississippi Technology Alliance is to champion innovation and technology-based economic development for the state of Mississippi.

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About Advantage Capital Partners

[Advantage Capital Partners](#) is a venture capital and small business finance firm focused on investing in promising companies located in areas underserved by traditional venture capital. With offices and partners in New Orleans, St. Louis, Austin, Washington, D.C., and other U.S. cities, Advantage Capital has raised more than \$1 billion in capital since 1992.

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About the Certified Capital Company program

Advantage Capital Partners is a leading participant in the [Certified Capital Company \(CAPCO\) program](#), a state economic development tool designed to strengthen state economies by stimulating the flow of investment capital to local small businesses, creating high-paying jobs and increasing state tax revenues. Under a CAPCO program, insurance companies are encouraged to invest in certified capital companies; the state allows the insurance companies to claim tax credits for qualified investments in CAPCO funds. Taken over time, the tax credits generate large pools of private venture capital to be invested in the state. CAPCOs leverage the funds received from insurance companies to invest in qualified small businesses.

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