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To date, Advantage Capital has partnered with its portfolio companies to help create more than 14,168 jobs nationwide and our investments have resulted in more than \$6 billion in follow-on capital.

## Advantage Capital News

### Advantage Capital Partners provides funding for \$100,000 D.C. Business Plan Competition

[Advantage Capital Partners](#) along with New York-based Enhanced Capital Partners, presented a check representing a \$100,000 investment to [Affinity Lab](#) at the [Washington, D.C. Economic Partnership's](#) PremierPlan business plan competition awards ceremony, at the Willard Hotel in Washington. Advantage Capital and Enhanced Capital are both active investors in the Washington, D.C. CAPCO program, and provided funding for the business plan competition to showcase local entrepreneurs.

Founded in 2001, Affinity Lab is an urban business cooperative, which allows small businesses, start-ups and non-profits to share operating needs, services and office space through different levels of membership. To continue reading, go [here](#).

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### Florida Bioscience company receives funding for growth on heels of EPA approval

Advantage Capital Partners has announced \$500,000 in financing commitments to fund continued operations at [Pasteuria Bioscience, Inc.](#), a biotechnology company which produces nematode control products. This marks the tenth year Advantage Capital has provided funding to the firm, which originally started at Entomos, Inc., and is now operating out of the University of Florida's [Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator](#). To continue reading, go [here](#).

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## Portfolio Company News

### Florida CAPCO investment AuthenTec expands its portfolio with four new U.S. patents

[AuthenTec](#) (NASDAQ: AUTH), the world's leading provider of smart fingerprint sensors and solutions, today announced that it has further expanded its patent portfolio with the addition of four U.S. patents (filed or pending) to its intellectual property portfolio. These four patents, originally filed by Veridicom, Inc. for fingerprint sensing, imaging and sensor packaging, are among the foundational intellectual property created for the biometrics industry. To continue reading, go [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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## **Advantage portfolio company SOMS Technologies works with Green Gas Laboratories to add microGreen™ filter to company's green fleet conversion business**

[SOMS Technologies, LLC](#), developer and manufacturer of the microGreen™ Extended Performance Oil Filter, has announced an agreement with Florida-based Green Gas Laboratories, LLC to add the microGreen filter to the company's "green" fleet conversion business. Marketed under the brand name SMARTfleet Solutions, Green Gas Laboratories' five-point EcoSMART Lube fleet conversion quickly makes vehicles more fuel efficient and eco-friendly, while greatly reducing the expense and time associated with periodic oil changes. To continue reading go [here](#).

Advantage Capital Partners' 2008 investment in SOMS Technologies was made in connection with the New York Certified Capital Company program.

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## **Louisiana CAPCO investment TurboSquid highlighted in *Entrepreneur* magazine**

[TurboSquid](#), the largest online marketplace for 3D models and an Advantage Capital portfolio company, was recently featured in the August issue of *Entrepreneur* magazine. In the article titled, "The New Orleans Saints," TurboSquid was credited as an emerging business that has recently become a tenant of the I.P. building in New Orleans. The I.P. building, located at 643 Magazine Street, aims to provide a home for entrepreneurial companies and individuals who represent the economic future of New Orleans. This new building will help to spur entrepreneurial activity in a city that is still recovering from the damage of Katrina. To read the full article in *Entrepreneur*, go [here](#).

In other TurboSquid news, the company recently announced that its Revit (building information modeling software for architects and designers) Market has reached more than 2,500 Revit families. TurboSquid, in partnership with Autodesk® Seek, the online source for building product design information, created Revit Marketplace as a place for users to browse, buy and sell user-generated Revit® content through a TurboSquid-powered marketplace. To continue reading, go [here](#).

Advantage Capital first invested in TurboSquid in 2001 in connection with Louisiana's Certified Capital Company program.

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## **Advantage Capital portfolio company SKYDEX Technologies to supply blast limiting material for \$1.05B M-ATV contract**

Oshkosh Corporation recently confirmed that [SKYDEX](#) blast limiting materials are included in the selected vehicle for the MRAP All Terrain Vehicle (M-ATV) contract awarded by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). Initially valued at \$1.05B, Oshkosh received an order to build 2,244 vehicles for the U.S. Armed Forces all featuring SKYDEX as part of the vehicle

design. To continue reading, go [here](#).

SKYDEX is a privately held technology company located in Centennial, Co. Led by their motto of *Protecting Things That Matter*, SKYDEX develops innovative impact mitigating, blast limiting and vibration attenuation solutions for today's most demanding applications. Advantage invested in SKYDEX in 2005 with funds raised in connection with the Colorado Certified Capital Company program.

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## About Us

### 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 institutional venture 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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