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Ticker Tape Update:

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

BizCapital finances automated truss manufacturer in Louisiana; funding in conjunction with state and federal New Markets programs helps create 47 new jobs

[American Truss, LLC](#), a fully-automated wooden roof and floor truss manufacturer, has received a \$3.4 million construction loan from BizCapital, the small business lending arm of Advantage Capital Partners. The loan will be used to support the construction and equipment needs of a new facility in Hammond, La.

The new manufacturing plant, which will employ 47 people, will be a 56,000 square foot, state-of-the-art structural component facility designed to mass produce roof and floor trusses for the construction industry in the gulf south region. The entire process will be computer-driven based on both stock and custom designs provided by architects and builders.

"The American Truss plant will be the most technologically advanced manufacturing facility of its kind," said Richard Pearce, vice president of business development for BizCapital. "Ms. Borne has developed a solid business plan with a competitive advantage. American Truss is the only automated truss manufacturer within a 150-mile radius. The new plant will also stimulate area employment, creating much-needed jobs."

BizCapital's investment in American Truss was made in connection with the federal New Markets Tax Credit program and the Louisiana New Markets Development program. Both programs are designed to stimulate economic growth in communities that historically have been underserved by traditional sources of capital. For more on this investment, go [here](#).

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Portfolio Company News

Advantage investments GridPoint and Virent highlighted in *The Economist* as leading edge alternative energy technologies

Cleantech companies [GridPoint](#) and [Virent Energy Systems](#) were highlighted in two separate feature stories this month in *The Economist's* special report on the future of energy. Both companies were credited for growth in the area of developing sustainable and alternative energy to power our planet.

In the article titled, "The end of the Petrolhead; tomorrow's cars may just plug in," GridPoint CEO Peter Corsell talks about the company's load-management technology that enables utilities to control charging regardless of when consumers plug in their electric vehicles. This control leads to reduced stress on the electric grid and reduced costs by billing lower rates for off-peak charging. Click [here](#) to read the full article in *The Economist*.

GridPoint's innovative [SmartGrid Platform](#) empowers utilities to achieve business objectives, increase grid reliability, promote environmental stewardship and fuel the

adoption of renewable energy sources. Advantage was an early investor in GridPoint, having invested in the company in 2005. To read more on the company, go [here](#).

Virent's partnership with Shell was mentioned in an article titled, "Grow your own; the biofuels of the future will be tailor-made." Virent is a biofuels company commercializing an advanced biofuel technology to power today's vehicles in place of fossil fuels. Virent and Shell recently announced a joint effort to create new biofuels that could potentially eliminate the need for specialized infrastructure, new engine designs and blending equipment. The collaboration involves converting plant sugars directly into gasoline and gasoline blend components, rather than ethanol. This effort may lead to biofuels that are used at high blend rates in standard gasoline engines. To read the full article on biofuels, go [here](#).

In separately announced news, Virent said last month that it has been named a *Red Herring* North America 100 winner. Virent was one of only six cleantech and energy companies named to this year's list. The award recognizes top technology startup companies in North America. Winners and finalists were chosen by the editors of *Red Herring* and were selected on the basis of technology innovation, quality of management, breadth of partners and customers and depth of financial backing.

Advantage invested in Virent Energy Systems in 2005 with funds raised in connection with the Wisconsin Certified Capital Company program. To read more on Virent, go [here](#).

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Advantage portfolio company ArcMail Technology receives Product Innovation Award from *Network Products Guide* 2008

[ArcMail Technology](#), a leading provider of email archiving and management technology, has been recognized by *Network Products Guide* as a 2008 Product Innovation Award winner. The annual awards recognize vendors from all over the world with innovative and ground-breaking products in the areas of information technology.

Honored in the category of Network Security - Email, the [ArcMail Defender U3120](#) email archiving and management system is a standalone network appliance that provides comprehensive archive and data management technology with on-board storage for medium-sized organizations with 2,000 to 5,000 users. Users can launch the ArcMail Defender U3120 directly from Outlook to instantly search and restore emails, while the administrative dashboard also allows administrators to monitor system settings and produce reports to ensure that email is being successfully archived.

"We are delighted to have received the Product Innovation award for Email Security," says Todd Gates, CEO of ArcMail Technology. "This award confirms that ArcMail remains at the forefront of product innovation and that we continue to meet the needs of our customers by providing them with new, easy to use solutions."

In other news, ArcMail Technology has announced that it has signed an exclusive distribution agreement with Arbitech, the nation's leading alternative distributor of technology hardware and software. The partnership will give ArcMail access to more than 1,800 resellers nationwide, while Arbitech will broaden its product mix and gain access to ArcMail's growing customer base. To read more on this agreement, go [here](#).

ArcMail Technology, based in Shreveport, provides simple, secure and cost-effective email archive solutions to the small and medium-sized business (SMB) market. Advantage invested in ArcMail Technology in late 2007 with funds raised in connection with Louisiana's Certified Capital Company program. To read more on the company, go [here](#).

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AuthenTec, a Florida CAPCO investment, develops fingerprint sensor for waterproof cell phones

[AuthenTec, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: AUTH), a leading provider of fingerprint sensors and solutions, has announced the availability of its new waterproof packaging technology for cell phone

manufacturers. The waterproof technology will be incorporated into a new phone that will go into high-volume production during the fourth quarter.

"AuthenTec once again leads the way with innovative fingerprint sensor technology for a new generation of waterproof handsets that leverage the waterproof properties of our new TouchStone packaging, as well as the many features of our Power of Touch offerings," said Art Stewart, AuthenTec vice president of Wireless Products.

AuthenTec's [TouchStone Technology](#) allows for easy integration into various waterproof industrial design configurations that provides the durability and water resistance required for this new class of handsets while adding Power of Touch features including security, convenience, personalization and navigation.

With more than 25 million sensors sold worldwide, AuthenTec is the world leader in providing fingerprint authentication sensors and solutions to the high-volume PC, wireless device and access control markets. AuthenTec's award-winning fingerprint sensors are based on the company's [TruePrint technology](#). TruePrint is a unique, sub-surface RF technology which reads below the surface of the skin to the live layer where the true fingerprint resides.

Advantage 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. For more on AuthenTec, go [here](#).

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About Advantage Capital Partners and BizCapital

[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 \$950 million in institutional venture capital since 1992.

[BizCapital](#), the small business lending arm of Advantage Capital Partners, is a non-depository financial institution offering competitive loans to small and medium-sized companies. BizCapital is recognized as a leading government-guaranteed lender, helping small-to-mid-sized businesses grow and prosper, while fostering stronger economic growth in local communities. With offices in New Orleans, Jackson and St. Louis, BizCapital invests across many types of businesses and offers loans from \$250,000 to \$10 million in the form of SBA, USDA, mezzanine, and well-secured real estate loans.

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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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About the federal New Markets Tax Credit program

The [federal New Markets Tax Credit program](#), administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, encourages private-sector investment in economically distressed communities

through tax incentives. In a highly competitive allocation procedure, the Treasury Department awards the tax credits based on applications submitted for each tax year. Advantage has participated in the New Markets program since 2003, raising private capital for investment in low-income communities. These investments have spurred economic growth through innovative business ventures and job creation throughout the United States.

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About the Louisiana New Markets Development program

The Louisiana New Markets Development program is an economic development tool that encourages investment in small businesses located in distressed communities throughout the state and particularly those communities in the GO Zone still recovering from the devastation of the hurricanes of 2005. The goal of the program is to attract large, long-term investors to Louisiana's low-income communities, promoting new expansion, creating new job opportunities and building on existing growth in the state.

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