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### Ticker Tape Update:

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

## Advantage Capital News

### Advantage Capital Partners provides \$4 million financing to Westport Linen Services; Louisiana New Markets Development program enables commercial laundry expansion and job growth in Baton Rouge

Advantage Capital Partners has provided a total of \$4 million in financing to Westport Linen Services, LLC, a commercial laundry service company that provides linen services to hospitals and healthcare centers in southern Louisiana and Mississippi. Westport Linen is using the funds to relocate to a larger facility, expand its operations and hire new employees in Baton Rouge. To continue reading, go [here](#).

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### Safety Tubs receives growth capital from Advantage Capital Partners; Texas CAPCO funding enables company expansion, new jobs in Grand Prairie

Advantage Capital Partners has made an investment in [Safety Tubs, LLC](#), a leading manufacturer and marketer of acrylic and gel coat walk-in bathtubs. The funding, raised in connection with the Texas Certified Capital Company (CAPCO) program, will be used to support the company's continued growth, including the addition of five new, permanent jobs with health benefits. To read more, go [here](#).

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## Portfolio Company News

### Stereotaxis announces FDA approval of the NAVISTAR RMT THERMOCOOL

[Stereotaxis, Inc.](#) announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved for marketing the NAVISTAR<sup>®</sup> RMT THERMOCOOL<sup>®</sup> Catheter, which is manufactured by Biosense Webster, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson company. The NAVISTAR RMT THERMOCOOL Catheter is used with Stereotaxis' NIOBE<sup>®</sup> Remote Magnetic Navigation System for mapping and radiofrequency (RF) ablation to treat irregular heartbeats or cardiac arrhythmias. Stereotaxis expects that shipments of the catheter to customers will begin within the next few weeks. To continue reading, go [here](#).

more than \$6 billion in follow-on capital.

St. Louis-based Stereotaxis (Nasdaq: STXS) designs, manufactures and sells medical equipment to treat heart disease. Advantage Capital was an early investor in Stereotaxis, investing in connection with the federal New Markets Tax Credit program and the Missouri Certified Capital Companies program.

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## **Advantage Capital portfolio companies Nanopoint, Inc. and Veran Medical Technologies win Frost & Sullivan 2009 Awards**

Advantage Capital portfolio companies [Nanopoint, Inc.](#) and [Veran Medical Technologies](#) were both recently honored with a Frost and Sullivan 2009 Excellence in Medical Technologies & Life Sciences Award. The awards ceremony was held earlier this month in San Francisco.

Honolulu-based Nanopoint, Inc. received the 2009 North American Frost & Sullivan Award for Product Innovation of the Year. The company's cellTRAY<sup>®</sup> Imaging System CT-2000 represents a highly sophisticated, on-microscope incubator and integrated fluidics system for in-vitro research. Advantage Capital first invested in Nanopoint in 2005 in connection with the Hawaii High Technology Business Investment Tax Credit program, which enables a state tax credit for investment in Qualified High Technology businesses throughout Hawaii.

St. Louis-based Veran Medical Technologies received the 2009 North American Frost & Sullivan Award for Technology Innovation of the Year. Veran Medical Technologies is pioneering the development of a novel image-guided medical therapy delivery system, known as the IG4, which enables accurate and efficient targeting of very small lesions in the lungs. Advantage Capital invested in Veran Medical Technologies in 2008 with funds raised in connection with the Missouri New Markets Development program.

To read more about the Frost & Sullivan Awards, go [here](#).

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## **Morehouse General Hospital gears up for significant hospital improvements in Bastrop, Louisiana**

According to a recent article in the *Bastrop Daily Enterprise*, Morehouse General Hospital has plans to update its obstetrical unit with eight state-of-the-art fetal heart monitors and a new central monitoring station. The new equipment will allow for better tracking and monitoring of patients' vital signs.

Morehouse General Hospital, located in Bastrop, is a 60-bed community-owned hospital offering a wide range of both inpatient and outpatient care to northeast Louisiana and southeast Arkansas residents. Advantage Capital Partners' 2008 investment in Morehouse General Hospital was made in connection with the Louisiana New Markets Development 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 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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## **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 across the United States.

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## **About the Louisiana New Markets Development program**

The Louisiana New Markets Development program encourages investment in promising 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 program enables up to \$400 million of capital investment in Louisiana's small businesses. The state program attracts investment in low-income communities through a state tax credit modeled after the federal New Markets Tax Credit.

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## **About the Missouri New Markets Development program**

Enacted in 2007, the Missouri New Markets Development program encourages investment in promising small businesses located in distressed communities throughout the state. Modeled after the federal New Markets Tax Credit program, the goal of the state program is to attract large, long-term investors to Missouri's low-income communities, promoting new expansion, creating new job opportunities and building on existing growth in the state.

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