

Boulder County Business Report

Ten companies receive IQ Awards (Award for Innovation; The Boulder County Business Report's annual award for the most-innovative products and services in Boulder and Broomfield counties.)

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LAFAYETTE - Ten companies received IQ Awards Thursday evening, Aug. 20, at the Boulder County Business Report's 10th annual IQ (Innovation Quotient) Awards held at the Lionsgate Event Center in Lafayette.

Following is a list of the nine categories and 10 winners:

BUSINESS PRODUCTS/SERVICES

Six88 Solutions Inc., Boulder, dba, ShipCompliant: ShipCompliant Wholesale is a software program that allows anyone who distributes wine through a distributor to ensure all their distributed products are compliant with state and federal wine laws.

COMPUTER

Rebit Inc., Longmont: Rebit Inc. has created a multiple-PC version of its automatic backup and recovery software. The software is capable of backing up six PCs. The software can be password-protected on an individual PC to keep information private between PC users. It manages space requirements and lets users know how much space is available on the external disk before allowing another PC to be added to the backup drive.

CONSUMER PRODUCTS/SERVICES

Clementine Art Inc., Boulder: Clementine Art offers a line of all-natural children's art supplies; natural modeling dough, paint, markers, crayons and glue. Products are made from natural and wholesome ingredients, setting a higher standard for safety and health in children's products.

INTERNET SOFTWARE/BUSINESS

OptTek Systems Inc., Boulder: OptTek Systems' software product OptForce helps organizations achieve desired work-force composition. The software is structured to integrate with organizational objectives such as financial, productivity, diversity and human resources goals, including recruitment, talent management, employee engagement, and retention. Analytics provided by the software spans a variety of processes, including hiring, talent management, performance management, compliance and professional development.

INTERNET SOFTWARE/CONSUMER

OneRiot, Boulder and TechoShark Inc., Boulder: OneRiot is a real-time search engine that helps users of social Web sites find the news, videos and blogs that people are buzzing about right now. OneRiot crawls, indexes and ranks the real-time Web with its patented PulseRank

algorithm so search results are spam-free and reflect current social relevance. TechoShark Inc.'s hoozat iPhone/iPod touch application accesses Facebook while also viewing the Facebook profiles of fellow hoozat users nearby. It allows users to meet and connect with new people or simply browse Facebook with a great user interface.

LIFE SCIENCES

Amgen Inc., Boulder, Longmont: Amgen researchers in Boulder helped develop denosumab, a drug in clinical trials that would be used to treat and prevent postmenopausal osteoporosis in women and prevent bone loss in patients undergoing hormone therapy for either prostate or breast cancer. It also is being studied for the treatment of multiple myeloma, a common blood cancer, and rheumatoid arthritis. This product is manufactured for the clinical trials at Amgen's LakeCentre plant in Boulder.

NONPROFIT

Imagine!, Lafayette: Imagine! builds SmartHomes that provide permanent affordable housing for people with physical, cognitive and developmental disabilities. The homes incorporate cutting-edge technologies to improve the quality and efficiency of services and support for the residents.

SPORTS & OUTDOORS

HydraPouch LLC, Boulder: HydraPouch makes a product by the same name designed to eliminate the use of paper cups during road and trail races. The soft silicone refillable 6-ounce rubber pouch clips on the runner's shorts when not in use and can quickly be filled at aid stations using a high-speed dispensing valve. The pouch conforms to the shape of any size hand, is splash resistant when closed, and has a molded spout through which a runner can easily sip while running at any pace.

SUSTAINABILITY

EEtrex Inc., Boulder: EEtrex, formerly Hybrids Plus, creates embedded software and hardware for electric-vehicle battery systems. The embedded software can control smart power electronics, facilitating SmartGrid and vehicle-to-grid systems.

About 270 people attended the networking and awards event that had the theme, "Social Networking." It featured a video written and produced by Brian Scott, with performances by Business Report employees Dave Thompson, Emily Trayers, Kim Oremus, Ryan Dionne and Chris Wood, along with Jim Cowgill of EKS&H PC, Beat Steiner of Holland & Hart LLP and Bryce Isaacson of Western Disposal Services.

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