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Automation Alley Invests \$1 Million in Region

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AUTOMATION ALLEY INVESTS \$1 MILLION IN REGION
Organization Uses State Grant Money to Support Southeast Michigan Businesses

Troy, Mich., March 14, 2007 – Automation Alley, which drives the growth and image of Southeast Michigan's technology economy, announced today it has invested \$1 million to assist Southeast Michigan entrepreneurs in developing their businesses. The investments helped five area businesses facilitate research, development and commercialization of their innovative technologies and products.

Covering the advanced manufacturing, information technology, information security and health care industries, the investments were made in Cielo MedSolutions, Critical Signal Technologies, Danotek Motion Technologies, RazorThreat and SecureCom Technologies. Chosen from over 100 business applicants, these companies met the seed fund reviewers' criteria of technology maturity, market opportunity, focus and a strong management team.

"Working with small businesses that offer innovative products is key to Southeast Michigan's transition to the new economy," said Tom Anderson, senior director, Automation Alley. "By supplying entrepreneurs with the funding needed to take their product or service to market, we are not only creating new jobs for our region but we're also helping solidify Southeast Michigan as a leader in the technology industry."

The investments were made possible by a \$6 million automotive accelerator grant awarded to Automation Alley's Technology Center by the Michigan Strategic Fund Board on September 27, 2006. Over a three-year span Automation Alley will use the funding to encourage the development of competitive-edge technologies through the creation of early stage seed funds, support the outreach and growth of technology-based businesses and professionals, and support international business development.

Automation Alley's investments were provided to the following companies:

- Cielo MedSolutions (Ann Arbor): Cielo MedSolutions is a new provider of healthcare software and information technology. Cielo focuses on helping physicians in both primary care and medical specialties improve quality-of-care while increasing health insurance reimbursements. The company's Web-based Cielo Clinic™ software helps drive clinical quality improvement and more effective management of chronic diseases. More at www.cielomedolutions.com.
- Critical Signal Technologies (Farmington Hills): Critical Signal Technologies (CST) helps seniors and those rehabilitating at home have the security of constant help at their fingertips without the intrusion of home care aides. CST provides monitoring for a full array of needs, including blood pressure, activity in or out of bed or a chair, falling or sudden movements, and even dispenses and monitors medication compliance. More at www.CriticalSignalTechnologies.com.
- Danotek Motion Technologies (Ann Arbor): Danotek Motion Technologies is an engineering and manufacturing company that specializes in advanced electro-mechanical drives, motors, and digital sensor/sensorless control systems. Danotek's highly efficient permanent magnet generator technology will enable broad scale advances in the wind power segment of the alternative energy industry. More at www.danotekmotion.com.
- RazorThreat (Royal Oak): RazorThreat develops threat intelligence software that protects intellectual capital and personally identifiable information from targeted bots and malware that get through existing firewalls, IDS, IPS and virtually all log generating products. More at www.razorthreat.com
- SecureCom Technologies, LLC (Southfield): SecureCom Technologies provides risk assessment and consultation for high-risk security organizations and specializes in the design and installation of network security devices. More at www.securecomtechnology.com.

About Automation Alley

Automation Alley drives the growth and image of Southeast Michigan's technology economy through a collaborative culture that focuses on workforce and business development initiatives.

Since its founding in 1999, Automation Alley has expanded to include more than 700 businesses, educational institutions and government entities, covering an eight county area and the City of Detroit. Automation Alley promotes regional prosperity through the Automation Alley International Business Center, which provides business attraction services and exporting assistance; the Automation Alley Technology Center, which brings together businesses, educators and government to help entrepreneurs accelerate technology commercialization; and the GLIMA Network, a state-wide association for individuals engaged with and involved in technology-oriented industries.

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