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Ben Franklin Invests \$1.8 Million In Central & Northern PA

STATE COLLEGE, PA – Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Central and Northern PA, is pleased to announce that eleven companies, located in the 32-county footprint served by the Program, were recently approved to receive an investment. The Center’s Board of Directors also agreed to support funding for four translational research projects conducted with PA-based university partners.

For 30 years, the Ben Franklin program has helped entrepreneurs, emerging tech-companies, and small manufacturers develop new technologies, hire additional staff, and increase their sales/marketing efforts in order to grow and compete in their respective markets. For more information on the program see <http://www.cnp.benfranklin.org>.

Companies that Received a Ben Franklin Investment

In the Centre Region:

Located in Bellefonte, **Flashpoint Informatics Inc.**, provides a hosted virtual desktop service called “Cloud My Office”. The product offers businesses and schools a centralized IT infrastructure hosted in the cloud and accessible from anywhere in the world. For more information see www.cloudmyoffice.com

Strategic Polymer Sciences, located in State College, is developing a thin, versatile actuator designed to animate mobile devices and smart phones with better haptics and dramatically improved touch screens. For more information see www.strategicpolymers.com

AgIntegrated Inc., also located in State College, offers multi-platform software and information management solutions to the agriculture industry in the form of consulting, development, marketing, and support services. For more information see www.agintegrated.com

In the South Central Region:

USIC LLC, located in York, has developed a web-based marketplace that connects artists and entrepreneurs with each other and potential customers. This on-line community market allows users to pool their collective buying power and purchase services from each other. For more information see www.theusic.com

Located in Mechanicsburg, **Eduplanet21** has developed a social learning platform that uses 21st century learning models which combine social networking and e-learning technologies. For more information see www.eduplanet21.com

ECKey, located in Lancaster, has developed a patented system that turns a Bluetooth-enabled cell phone into an access key, eliminating the need for keys, cards, fobs, and remote controls. For more information see www.ECKey.com

Also located in York, **Dataforma Inc.** provides a web-based business management software platform, which includes a specially tailored accounting component for the roofing contracting industry. For more information see www.dataforma.com

In the Northwest Region:

Located in Waterford, PA, **Lewis Designs LLC** is developing innovative brake designs that perform more efficiently, improve stability and control, and will meet current and future stringent federal motor safety standards. For more information, contact Aaron Lewis at alewis@lewisdesigns.us

Conduit Marketing, located in Girard, PA, has developed patent-pending software that allows users to create and complete all the clinical documentation required by insurance providers to purchase medical equipment for in-home use. For more information, contact jnoland@conduitmark.com

TM Filtration, a Division of TM Industrial Supply, located in Erie, PA, for years has been designing industrial filtration equipment that can be used in a variety of water or energy-related markets. TM's current project is to develop systems that can be used to serve the ever-expanding Shale Gas industry. For more information, see www.tmfiltration.com

BRL Solutions, located in Kane, PA, provides boat enthusiasts with a new, biodegradable, penetrating lubricant that is non-flammable, prevents corrossions, and does not have the harsh smell associated with competing products. For more information see <http://itdoesthetrick.com>

About Ben Franklin Technology Partners



Ben Franklin Technology Partners/CNP, an initiative of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and funded by the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority, provides funding, operational assistance, and entrepreneurial support to emerging tech-based companies and small, existing manufacturers for the purpose of creating and retaining jobs in Pennsylvania. Contact the Central office of Ben Franklin in University Park at (814) 863-4558 or see our website at www.cnp.benfranklin.org.