

Indiana Entrepreneurial Leadership Awards Winners

Innovation Award 07

Weaver Popcorn Company, Inc.

Weaver Popcorn Company is a family owned and operated business that produces 30% of all the popcorn sold in the world. It develops, grows, processes, packages, and ships a full line of popcorn products, including microwave popcorn and 50 pound bags of concession popcorn used at ballparks and movie theaters and for sale around the world. Customers include some of the best known store chains in the world, as well as, concessionaires and international popcorn distributors. Weaver recently introduced the first microwave popcorn to eliminate the flavoring ingredient diacetyl replacing it with a new buttery tasting flavoring.

Imaginestics LLC

Imaginestics' vision is to organize and market industrial manufacturer's product and service information and make it visually searchable and useful worldwide. As the first step in making industrial manufacturer's product and service information visually searchable, Nainesh Rathod and Jamie Tan, the founders of imaginestics, using their previous experience at Maxim I/T, inc. of developing 2D shape matching technology and unique intranet search engine teamed up with Dr. Karthik Ramani, who was developing the 3D shape search algorithm at Purdue University. The founders licensed the 3D shape search technology from Purdue and along with a team of developers worked long and hard over three and half years to develop VizSeek, the world's first online visual search engine for manufacturing. In addition, they also worked on value added solutions such as VizAdvise, VizCompare and VizConfig to make the search results obtained useful for the search user. Imaginestics received funding support from National Science Foundation, Department of Defense and Indiana Economic Development Corp. to conduct research and development of these solutions.

Vyante

Vyante's flagship product, ChatterSpike, is an online service which provides companies the ability to understand and react to trends in online "chatter" related to their company. This allows for insight into the vast amount of discussion online about a company's public persona, products, competitors, and industry in general. This is accomplished by consolidating this complex information set and displaying it within a dashboard view. Vyante also provides analysis and consulting services with regard to the information resulting from ChatterSpike.

Midwest Mole, Inc.

Midwest Mole, Inc. was founded in 1982, and provides underground construction services including Auger Boring, Pipe Jacking, Pipe Ramming, Pipe Bursting, Guided Boring, Grouting, Relining, Microtunneling and Tunneling. Midwest Mole was recognized by Trenchless Technology Magazine as providing "turnkey trenchless technology" with a "complete trenchless toolbox".

Cine-tal Systems, Inc.

Cine-tal is a rapidly growing company specializing in image processing and display technology. Their products provide solutions for collaboration and quality control during production and post production of cinema, television and video content. In 2005 Cine-tal introduced the award winning Cinemage product line, which integrates digital display technology, image processing and information technology networks. The product is used at the point of content acquisition and

included tools for image quality control and analysis. Cinemage was named 2006 Top Ten Product of the Year by Digital Cinema Reports and a National Association of Broadcasters Pick Hit for NAB 2006 by Millimeter Magazine. This honor puts the company in the same class as other award winners including Apple, Adobe, Avid, Sony, JVC, Autodesk, Kodak and Cannon. Cine-tal is developing product based on its IP called 'Cine-tal CMS'. Cine-Tal's mission is to do for image quality what Dolby has done for sound.