

MDB Capital Group Announces 2011's The "Best & Brightest" Innovators & Qualifiers For The 2nd Annual Bright Lights Conference

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SANTA MONICA, Calif., Feb. 17, 2011 /PRNewswire/ — **MDB Capital Group, LLC** is proud to announce its "**Best & Brightest**" list of 150 innovative leaders for 2011. These companies are ranked in the 90th percentile for technology leadership from more than 1,500 companies with U.S. patents granted, as rated by **PatentVest®**, MDB's proprietary, intellectual property (IP), business intelligence database.

MDB's "**Best & Brightest**" list of companies is drawn from the universe of public companies with at least one U.S. patent and a market capitalization under \$500 million. Employing PatentVest's intellectual property metrics, this universe was screened for companies with above average 3-year growth rate for patent application filings (a measure of innovation), above average **PatentVest** Tech Scores (a measure of patent quality), and low PatentVest citation ratios (a measure of value). These companies were also screened for quality by MDB's professional analytical staff, generating an exceptional list of truly innovative small companies.

The companies that have achieved a position on **MDB's "Best & Brightest"** list will automatically be extended an invitation to attend and present at our 2nd Annual **Bright Lights Conference** to be held at Le Parker Meridien Hotel in New York on May 10 & 11. Last year's two day event, held in San Francisco, brought together more than 40 companies and 250 attendees to hear investor presentations focusing on the often unrecognized value embedded in the respective IP of the Bright Lights Companies.

MDB's research has shown that companies demonstrating above average **PatentVest** metrics (such as PatentVest Tech Score and the compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of patent applications) outperformed their publicly traded peers. This outperformance is highlighted firsthand by tracking the market performance of the presenters at last year's **Bright Lights Conference**. The Bright Lights presenters (as an index) outperformed the S&P Small Cap 600 Index by 1.4 to 1 and the S&P 500 Index by 2.8 to 1.

Of particular note from 2010, our 18 "**Best of the Best**" IP award winners demonstrated superior market performance and outperformed the S&P 500 by 3.9 to 1.

(For full details email research@mdb.com or visit <http://mdb.com/bright-light-award-winners.html> for a list of 2010 "Best & Brightest" and "Best of the Best" award winners.)

QUALIFYING COMPANIES:

TICKER	COMPANY	TICKER	COMPANY
ACAD	Acadia Pharmaceuticals Inc.	CRAY	Cray Inc.
ARAY	Accuray Incorporated	CRDS	Crossroads Systems Inc.
AATI	Advanced Analogic Technologies Inc.	CRIS	Curis Inc.
AMRI	Albany Molecular Research Inc.	CUTR	Cutera Inc.
ALXA	Alexza Pharmaceuticals Inc.	CYCC	Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals Inc.
AOSL	Alpha and Omega Semiconductor Ltd.	CYNO	Cynosure Inc.
ALTI	Altair Nanotechnologies Inc.	DARA	DARA Biosciences, Inc.
ALVR	Alvarion Ltd.	DLGC	Dialogic Inc.
ABTG	Ambient Corp	DGII	Digi International Inc.
ARGN	Amerigon Incorporated	DMRC	Digimarc Corp
ANIK	Anika Therapeutics	DRAD	Digirad Corp.
AIS	Antares Pharma Inc.	HILL	Dot Hill Systems Corp
APNT	Applied Nanotech Holdings	DSPG	DSP Group Inc.
ARDM	Aradigm Corp	EMITF	Elbit Medical Imaging Ltd.
ARWR	Arrowhead Research Corp	ESIO	Electro Scientific Industries Inc.

ATRI	Atrion Corp	EMKR	Emcore Corporation
VOXX	Audiovox Corp	EMIS	Emisphere Technologies Inc.
AUTH	Authen Tec, Inc.	ENWV	Endwave Corp
AWRE	Aware, Inc.	EFOI	Energy Focus Inc.
BELFA	Bel Fuse Inc.	ESCA	Escalade Inc.
BKYI	BIO-key International Inc.	EXAC	Exactech Inc.
BLTI	Biolase Technology Inc.	EXFO	Exfo Inc.
BCST	Broadcast International Inc.	EXTR	Extreme Networks Inc.
CRDC	Cardica Inc.	GPIC	Gaming Partners International Corp
CSII	Cardiovascular Systems Inc.	GNVC	GenVec Inc.
CSCD	Cascade Microtech Inc.	GGOX	Gigoptix Inc.
IMOSD	ChipMOS Technologies BU Ltd.	HNSN	Hansen Medical Inc.
CPAH	CounterPath	HW	Headwaters Inc.
HTCH	Hutchinson Technology Inc.		
IDSY	I.D. Systems Inc. I.D. Systems Inc.	PCYC	Pharmacyclics Inc.
ICAD	Icad Inc.	PLNR	Planar Systems Inc.
ICGN	Icagen Inc.	PLXT	PLX Technology Inc.
IGOI	iGo Inc.	PWRM	Power 3 Medical Products Inc.

IKAN	Ikanos Communications Inc.	PVCT	Provectus Pharmaceutical Inc.
IMMR	Immersion Corp	PSDV	pSivida Corp
INFI	Infinity Pharmaceuticals Inc.	PULS	Pulse Electronics Corp
INO	Inovio Pharmaceuticals Inc.	QLTI	QLT Inc.
INTT	inTest Corp	RMTR	Ramtron International Corp
IVAC	Intevac Inc.	RPTN	Raptor Networks Technology Inc.
JOUT	Johnson Outdoors Inc.	RGRX	ReGeneRx Biopharmaceuticals Inc.
KEM	Kemet Corp	RTK	Rentech Inc.
KTEC	Key Technology Inc.	DFZ	R.G. Barry Corp
KOPN	Kopin Corp	SNMX	Senomyx Inc.
KV.A	K-V Pharmaceuticals	SITO	Single Touch Systems Inc.
DDSS	Labopharm Inc.	SWHC	Smith & Wesson Holding Corp
LZB	LA-Z-Boy Inc.	SONO	SonoSite Inc.
LCRY	Lecroy Corp	SPIR	Spire Corp
LSCG	Lighting Science Group Corp	STXS	Stereotaxis Inc.
LRAD	LRAD Corporation	SNSS	Sunesis Pharmaceuticals Inc.
LYTS	LSI Industries Inc.	SCON	Superconductor Technologies Inc.
LUNA	Luna Innovations Inc.	SRDX	SurModics Inc.

MASC	Material Sciences Corp	SURG	Synergetics USA Inc.
MTSN	Mattson Technology Inc.	ELOS	Syneron Medical Ltd.
MAXY	Maxygen Inc.	SYNM	Syntroleum Corp
MEMS	Memsic Inc.	TASR	Taser International Inc.
MVIS	Microvision Inc.	TSYS	TeleCommunication Systems Inc.
MSON	Misonix Inc.	TGX	Theragenics Corp
MOSY	MoSys Inc.	THLD	Threshold Pharmaceuticals Inc.
MGAM	Multimedia Games Inc.	TSEM	Towerjazz aka Tower Semiconductor Ltd.
NSPH	Nanosphere Inc.	TSO	Trans1 Inc.
NLS	Nautilus Inc.	TXCC	TranSwitch Corp
NLST	Netlist Inc	UGNE	Unigene Laboratories Inc.
NWCI	NewCardio Inc.	UNXL	Uni-Pixel Inc.
NEXS	Nexxus Lighting Inc.	VRNM	Verenium Corp
NMTI	NMT Medical Inc.	VRML	Vermillion Inc.
NVMI	Nova Measuring Instruments Ltd.	VICL	Vical Inc.
		VSCI	Vision-Sciences Inc.
OIIM	O2Micro International Ltd.	VUOC	Vu1 Corporation
OCLS	Oculus Innovative Science Inc.	VUZI	Vuzix

ORNI	Oragenics Inc.	WGBS	WaferGen Biosystems, Inc.
ORCT	Orckit Communications Ltd.	WSTL	Westell Technologies Inc.
PMTI	Palomar Medical Technologies Inc.	XNNH	Xenonics Holdings Inc.
PCTI	PC-Tel Inc.	XOMA	XOMA Ltd.
PDFS	PDF Solutions Inc.	ZHNE	Zhone Technologies Inc.
PRCP	Perceptron Inc.	ZRAN	Zoran Corp

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