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Griffin Analytical Technologies Honored as Tibbetts Award Winner

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Griffin Analytical Technologies LLC, of West Lafayette, Ind., a business unit of ICx Technologies Inc., was named a winner of the 2006 Tibbetts Awards for excellence in Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) activity.

Garth Patterson, vice president of research and development, accepted the award on behalf of Griffin on Tuesday (Sept. 26) at the Wyndham Washington, 1400 M St. NW, Washington, D.C.

Named for Roland Tibbetts, the person acknowledged as the father of the SBIR program, these prestigious national awards are made annually to those small firms, projects, organizations and individuals judged to exemplify the very best in SBIR achievement. Griffin is one of 55 companies in the United States to receive this award, and was selected from more than 4,000 companies that receive contracts and grants under the SBIR program each year.

While only a two-employee operation, Griffin was awarded an Army SBIR Phase I contract in 2001 to support ongoing work at Dugway Proving Ground. Griffin successfully completed Phase I and Phase II of that program, and later won a procurement contract in 2006 for the commercialized instrumentation. Overall, Griffin has been awarded SBIR contracts from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Navy (Marines) and the National Science Foundation, for a total of five Phase I awards, three Phase II awards and two Phase III awards. A Marines Phase III contract was the most recent of these awards. Technology developed in conjunction with the SBIR awards has since been translated into three commercially available products.

In addition to SBIR funding, Griffin has received development contracts from the Air Force, Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency, Indiana 21st Century Research and Technology Fund, and others.

In November 2001, Griffin Analytical Technologies started operations in West Lafayette, Ind., with a vision to commercialize novel mass spectrometric technology developed at Purdue University. The mission of the founders was to create a family of portable, chemical detection devices that would allow users to quickly obtain laboratory-quality results in the field, adding a unique value to defense, security, environmental protection and research efforts. In 2006 Griffin became a business unit of Washington, D.C.-based ICx Technologies (<http://www.icxt.com>), immediately expanding its market footprint and growth potential within this impressive group of 15 security companies.

The complete list of 2006 Tibbetts Award winners can be found at <http://www.tibbettsawards.org>

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About ICx Technologies

ICx develops and manufactures advanced technologies for homeland and military security. Our sensors detect and identify chemical, biological, radiological and explosive materials. Our surveillance products discern people and objects invisible to human senses and conventional cameras. Our software and systems connect, command and control security devices. ICx has manufacturing and research facilities in the United States, Canada and Europe.

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