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Growing businesses

May 2, 2005

Acquisitions

- Minneapolis-based Analysts International Corp. acquired the assets of Auburn Hills-based data storage and retrieval systems company Redwood Solutions. Terms were not disclosed.

- Farmington Hills-based computer systems security services firm TruArx has acquired Washington, D.C.-based Emerson Strategic Group. Terms were not disclosed.

Contracts

- The International Association for Organ Donation named Marx Layne & Co. of Farmington Hills as its public relations agency.

- Automotive Youth Educational Systems selected Troy-based John Bailey & Associates to provide public relations support and counsel.

- The Northeast Ohio Co-op of Wendy's Restaurants selected Bloomfield Hills advertising and marketing communications firm Berline as its agency of record.

- Southfield-based commercial real estate firm Signature Associates-ONCOR International selected Royal Oak-based Lewis ig to update and support its computer network.

- Southfield property management firm Bluerock Real Estate selected Bingham Farms-based Qualitech to provide and implement its management software, a computer network and office wiring.

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Expansions

- LDMI Telecommunications, Southfield, has expanded availability of its SmarT local, long distance and Internet service to Auburn Hills, Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Cheboygan, Harbor Springs, Monroe, Port Huron and Rockford.

Mergers

- The merger of Gleaners Community Food Bank and the Food Bank of Oakland County is expected to be approved by their boards of directors by the end of June and take effect July 1.

Moves

- Maumee, Ohio-based consulting firm the Mannik & Smith Group Inc. will move from its South Telegraph, Monroe, office to a new \$1.5-million, 15,750-square-foot office at 1771 N. Dixie Hwy., Frenchtown Township, once the building is completed in August.

Openings

- Detroit Lions linebacker Andrew Battle is opening a marketing, promotions and distribution company called Battlefield Entertainment.
- Petco Animal Supply Inc. will open a 15,000-square-foot store at Independence Marketplace in Allen Park in early 2006.
- English Gardens will open a new nursery and garden center in the Maple Village shopping center, 155 N. Maple Road, Ann Arbor, this month.
- Kurt Murphy opened a new professional financial management services firm KRM Partners LLC in Grosse Pointe.
- Brad and Valerie Huyck opened the Karma Tea + Tonics café at 309 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale.

Partnerships

- Auburn Hills business information technology provider gedas has partnered with Richmond Hill, Ontario-based technology integration and consulting firm Answers 4 Business, making their collective services available to each other's clients.

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Real estate

- The Sterling Group, Detroit, leased a 1,000-square-foot office in the Guardian Building, 500 Griswold Ave., Detroit, to tax, audit and assurance services provider Rehmann Robson.
- CB Richard Ellis, Southfield, advised Denso International in the purchase from Rome LLC of a 133,608-square-foot office building at 30 Oak Hollow Drive, Southfield, for \$17 million.
- Birmingham-based Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services Inc. was selected to provide property management services and leasing for the Bristol Medical Buildings at 7057 and 7067 Bristol, Flint.

The Web

- Mall of Michigan, an Internet retailing and shopping service, added Livonia-based specialty retailer Country Elegance to its list of sites.
- Detroit-based MSCEE Skin Care Inc. landed a contract to be included on the AAFES.com, (Army & Air Force Exchange Service), which provides products and services to military personnel.

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