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Incubator honors six graduates

NORWOOD – SEPT. 14, 2007 – Six companies that hatched in the Hamilton County Business Center were honored Friday for their success in graduating from the incubator in the past year.

The six companies collectively generated revenue of more than \$5.2 million in the past 12 months and increased employment from seven to 27 during their tenures at HCBC.

“Good things are happening in our county, and they’re happening because of the people in this room — because of entrepreneurs,” Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune told an audience of about 100 at the Norwood-based incubator. “They will make Hamilton County a great place to live and a great place to do business.”

These companies were recognized Friday:

- **Advanced Control Products**, operated by Tony Beuke and Ken McMurray, distributes flow, control and automation products.
- **DBK-USA**, headed by President Holger Holtmeier, designs, develops and manufactures a wide range of standard and custom-designed electric heaters, heating elements, and heater system solutions for all industries.
- **F & B Medical**, led by Tom Foy, is a full-service provider of wheelchairs to nursing homes.
- **Industrial Solutions Group**, run by Kevin Roegner, provides high-quality environmental and occupational health and safety services. It was purchased by Houston-based Concentra.
- **The Hug Delivery Co.**, created by Candy Federl, is an e-commerce company that delivers plush animals and gift baskets. Jones the Florist bought the company.
- **W-Insight**, operated by Vanessa Freytag, advises companies on the opportunities and buying preferences of the women’s market.

The companies moved to a variety of Hamilton County communities, including Deer Park, Cincinnati, Norwood and Blue Ash, according to HCBC Director Patrick Longo.

HCBC is a nationally recognized business incubation program that helps Greater Cincinnati entrepreneurs launch and build successful companies. It is part of the Hamilton County Development Co., which also makes SBA 504 loans and operates Hamilton County’s Economic Development Office.

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