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## Automation Alley touts \$1 million in biz investments

Automation Alley, the Troy-based technology trade promotion group for Southeast Michigan, said Wednesday that it had invested \$1 million in five area companies.

Covering the advanced manufacturing, information technology, information security and health care industries, the investments were made in Cielo MedSolutions, Critical Signal Technologies, Danotek Motion Technologies, RazorThreat and SecureCom Technologies.

The investments helped the businesses fund research, development and commercialization of innovative technologies and products.

Chosen from more than 100 business applicants, these companies met the seed fund reviewers' criteria of technology maturity, market opportunity, focus and a strong management team.

"Working with small businesses that offer innovative products is key to Southeast Michigan's transition to the new economy," said Tom Anderson, senior director at Automation Alley. "By supplying entrepreneurs with the funding needed to take their product or service to market, we are not only creating new jobs for our region but we're also helping solidify Southeast Michigan as a leader in the technology industry."

The investments were made possible by a \$6 million automotive accelerator grant

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awarded to Automation Alley's Technology Center by the Michigan Strategic Fund Board on Sept. 27, 2006.

Over a three-year span, Automation Alley will use the funding to encourage the development of competitive-edge technologies through the creation of early stage seed funds, support the outreach and growth of technology-based businesses and professionals, and support international business development.

The investment recipients were:

\* Cielo MedSolutions of Ann Arbor, a new provider of health care software and information technology. Cielo focuses on helping physicians in both primary care and medical specialties improve quality-of-care while increasing health insurance reimbursements. The company's Web-based Cielo Clinic software helps drive clinical quality improvement and more effective management of chronic diseases. More at [www.cielomedsolutions.com](http://www.cielomedsolutions.com).

\* Critical Signal Technologies of Farmington Hills, which helps seniors and those rehabilitating at home have the security of constant help at their fingertips without the intrusion of home care aides. CST provides monitoring for a full array of needs, including blood pressure, activity in or out of bed or a chair, falling or sudden movements, and even dispenses and monitors medication compliance. More at [www.CriticalSignalTechnologies.com](http://www.CriticalSignalTechnologies.com).

\* Danotek Motion Technologies of Ann Arbor, an engineering and manufacturing company that specializes in advanced electro-mechanical drives, motors, and digital sensor and sensorless control systems. Danotek's highly efficient permanent magnet generator technology will enable advances in the wind power segment of the alternative energy industry. More at [www.danotekmotion.com](http://www.danotekmotion.com).

\* RazorThreat of Royal Oak, a company that develops threat intelligence software that protects intellectual capital and personally identifiable information from targeted bots and malware that get through existing firewalls, IDS, IPS and virtually all log generating products. More at [www.razorthreat.com](http://www.razorthreat.com).

\* SecureCom Technologies LLC of Southfield, which provides risk assessment and consultation for high-risk security organizations and specializes in the design and installation of network security devices. More at [www.securecomtechnology.com](http://www.securecomtechnology.com).

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