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DornerWorks, Ltd. Honored as One of the 2010 “Michigan 50 Companies to Watch”

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., - April 1, 2010 – DornerWorks, Ltd. has been recognized as one of the 2010 “Michigan 50 Companies to Watch,” an awards program sponsored by the Edward Lowe Foundation and presented by Michigan Celebrates Small Business.

DornerWorks will be honored at an awards ceremony during the sixth annual Michigan Celebrates Small Business event, April 29 in Lansing, Mich.

DornerWorks is a premier electronic and software engineering firm that specializes in the design of safety-critical systems for the aerospace, medical, automotive and industrial markets. Founded in 2000 by David K. Dorner, DornerWorks has grown into one of the most sought after embedded engineering firms in the country. With a talented staff that includes PhD’s, patent holders, multi-degreed engineers, and a Six Sigma Black Belt, DornerWorks has the talent and experience to tackle the most demanding projects.

“We are honored to be recognized for this award alongside other qualified and successful companies,” said David Dorner, president and founder of DornerWorks, Ltd. “Our inclusion in this award was made possible by the contributions and hard work of everyone on our staff. I give all of them my thanks and congratulations as well.”

DornerWorks has been an anomaly among many companies in Michigan and the country. The firm has managed to achieve strong results despite the difficult economic conditions, and continues to acquire clients and new growth opportunities.

“DornerWorks is not immune to economic challenges, but our staff’s dedication and passion to servicing our clients with high quality engineering solutions has set us apart,” said Dorner.

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“Now 300 strong, the second-stage businesses that comprise the Michigan 50 Companies to Watch have not only persevered through challenging times, but also found opportunities to grow,” says Penny Lewandowski, director of entrepreneurship development at the Edward Lowe Foundation. “They continue to hire and develop new markets for their products and services. Some have attracted significant amounts of venture capital, while others have been awarded prestigious federal grants. They are making a substantial difference in their communities — and their industries. Our 2010 inductees are proof that entrepreneurs are, and always have been, the future of Michigan’s economy.”

Companies making it to the “Michigan 50 Companies to Watch” list are a remarkable group of second-stage companies. Defined as having 6 to 99 full-time-equivalent employees and generating \$750,000 to \$50 million in annual revenue or working capital from investors or grants, these companies form the back-bone of Michigan’s economy. Representing all regions of the state and a diverse range of industries, companies like DornerWorks are known for their exceptional entrepreneurial leadership, creation of innovation or use of innovation in creative ways, and their sustainable competitive advantage.

Winners were selected by Michigan-based judges from the banking, economic development, entrepreneurship development and venture capital communities.

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Information about the 2010 Michigan 50 Companies to Watch program can be found at <http://Michigan.CompaniesToWatch.org>. For information about Michigan Celebrates Small Business, visit <http://MichiganCelebrates.biz>.