Colo. BioScience Association hands out nine awards

The Colorado BioScience Association presented its 2012 industry awards at its annual awards dinner celebrating Colorado’s bioscience community. Recipients of 2012 awards include:

- Lifetime Achievement Award — William Freytag, former chairman and CEO of Myogen Inc. He spent 25 years in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries, and now serves on boards of the BioFrontiers Institute, University of Colorado Foundation and the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority.
  - Rising Star of the Year — Sophono of Boulder, which manufactures implanted magnetic hearing devices and this year secured $7 million in new-growth capital financing.
  - Company of the Year — Tolmar Inc. of Fort Collins, a pharmaceutical company that had tremendous growth in the past year.
  - Chairman’s Award — Sheridan Ross of Denver, for its role in bringing a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to Denver.
  - Business Partner of the Year — Rockies Venture Club.
  - Business Partner of the Year — Dorsev Whitney LLP of Denver, which donated pro bono services to help establish the Colorado Bioscience Institute.
  - Educator of the Year — Shawdra Fordham, biotech teacher, Rock Canyon High School in Highlands Ranch.
  - Volunteer of the Year — Mark Speckman, CEO, Sharklet Technologies of Aurora.

The Volunteer of the Year — Nicole Garneau, curator and chair of the Health Sciences Department at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

HONORS: Allen Ginsborg, managing director and principal of NewMark Merrill Mountain States, was named the 2012 Real Estate Entrepreneur of the Year by Everitt Real Estate Center at Colorado State University’s College of Business. NewMark Merrill Mountain States acquired Twin Peaks Mall in Longmont in February. The company had been managing the 555,000-square-foot mall since October 2010 on behalf of its previous owner, and now plans a redevelopment of the enclosed mall into an open-air shopping center.

DONE DEALS: RMG Engineers Group acquired Total Engineering Service (TES), located in Greeley. Tom Cope, principal of TES, has joined the RMG Engineers Group. The new company will provide geotechnical, structural and certain civil engineering services. The new office includes soils testing laboratory and construction material testing. RMG has offices in Colorado Springs, Englewood, Evans, Monument, Pueblo and Woodland Park.

Denver-based SlaterPaul Architects has been selected to provide architectural services for several higher-education projects throughout the state: a $2.6 million renovation of the Fiske Planetarium at the University of Colorado—Boulder; the renovation of the 5th Street Hub building on the Auraria Higher Education Campus; and an addition and renovation to Rockwell Hall at the Colorado State University College of Business. The firm also was chosen by CU—Colorado Springs as part of a design/build team with Nunn Construction to provide architectural services for a new, 35,000-square-foot academic office building. The $12 million facility is going after LEED Gold certification.

COMER & ASSOCIATES LLC of Boulder was retained by Alternative Home Health Care (AHHC) of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to assess and improve its marketing and sales systems. AHHC is a major supplier of home health care services in Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

Swanson Rink, a Denver-based engineering firm, was awarded the contract for the Manchester Boston Regional Airport’s checked baggage screening recapitalization design services project. Services will include designing a replacement for explosive-detection systems equipment in the airport. This is Swanson Rink’s first contract with the airport.

Swanson Rink also is working at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Colorado Springs Airport and San Diego International Airport.

POWERS TOTAL OPENINGS of Denver, a subsidiary of Powers Products Co., which provides doors, frames and hardware for commercial construction projects in Colorado and Wyoming, has reached agreement on an asset sale to Colorado Doorways Inc. of Denver. Powers Products will continue operating and expanding its Daylighting, Space Flexibility and Fire and Smoke Separation divisions.

OPENINGS: The 12th annual Denver Christkindl Market, an open-air German-style Christmas market, is open at Skyline Park, across from the Daniels & Fisher Clock Tower, on the 16th Street Mall. Operated by the Colorado Chapter of the German American Chamber of Commerce, the market, which is open through Dec. 22, is 45 percent larger than last year, according to its general manager, Joshua Seeberg. It also offers for rent a heated tent that can accommodate 120 people. The market (www.DenverChristkindlMarket.com) is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

The 3D Printing Store opened at 4603 Monaco St. in Denver.

Bellco Credit Union opened a Sloan’s Lake branch at 3931 Sheridan Blvd. on Dec. 10 and will open an Englewood branch at 3610-A River Point Parkway, in the River Point Shopping Center, Dec. 17. They are the third and fourth new branches Bellco has opened this year.

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