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Two St. Joseph-area Business Owners to be Honored by State Legislators Jan. 28

Two St. Joseph-area tech-oriented innovative business owners—Andy R. DeShon and Bill Junk—will be among 20 owners and operators of outstanding small businesses in Missouri honored by members of the General Assembly Jan. 28, at a business showcase in Jefferson City. The event, sponsored by the [Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers](#) (MO SBTDC), highlights the achievements of some of the top performing clients of MO SBTDC and its companion program, the [Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Centers](#) (MO PTAC).

DeShon has developed and is planning to market an electric lawn and garden tractor. The device employs battery-powered motor technology capable of generating the necessary kilowatts (hp) and small enough to allow for battery storage, yet is durable and easy to maintain. Junk's company—DT Search & Designs LLC—manufactures specialized communications equipment designed for use by military units during combat operations.

Businesses participating in the Jan. 28 event will exhibit their products and services at the MO SBTDC/MO PTAC Client Showcase from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the third floor of the Capitol rotunda. They also will receive legislative resolutions from their respective state senators and representatives honoring the impact of their enterprises on the economic development of the state.

"This showcase provides a venue to demonstrate the importance of Missouri's small businesses to the economic vitality of the state," says Steve Wyatt, director of the University of Missouri Extension's [Business Development Program](#), who administratively oversees MO SBTDC and MO PTAC. "Each of these businesses—many of which are technology-oriented and in early stages of developing cutting-edge products—has received expert assistance from MO SBTDC and MO PTAC counselors, which enabled them to start or expand their enterprises."

Among the honored Missouri-based businesses scheduled to attend the showcase are:

- Acceleration LLC – Lee’s Summit
- A.M. Pyrotechnics LLC – Buffalo
- Carbolytic Materials Co. – Maryville
- Cervimark – St. Louis
- Andy R. DeShon – St. Joseph
- Douglas Manufacturing – Rolla
- DT Search and Designs LLC – St. Joseph
- Enginet Technologies – Columbia
- InnovaPrep Division (subsidiary of AlburtyLab Inc.) – Drexel
- LipoSpectrum – St. Louis

- Nanoparticle Biochem Inc. – Columbia
- Producers' Choice Soy Energy LLC – Moberly
- Pro Perma Engineered Coatings LLC – Rolla
- PureFlow Technologies Inc. – Jefferson City
- QM Power Inc. – Greenwood
- Research Center for Human-Animal Interaction – Columbia
- Transport Graphics Inc. – Springfield
- TWS Technical Services LLC – Kansas City
- The UPS Store – Poplar Bluff
- Wildwood Ranch Development Inc. – Joplin

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