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**o NEA Invests \$31 Million in Scotland's Realtime Worlds; Harry Weller Joins Board**

Baltimore -- Scottish video game developer **Realtime Worlds** said that it has received \$31 million in new funding from Baltimore-based venture capital firm **New Enterprise Associates** (NEA). The company said the new capital will allow it to build new game franchises and recruit top programming and game development talent from around the world. **Harry Weller**, a partner in NEA's Reston office, and **Patrick Chung**, a principal in its Silicon Valley office, will both join the company's board of directors. Realtime Worlds was founded by David Jones, who created the Grand Theft Auto and Lemmings games franchises. Crackdown for XBox 360, the company's first title, will be released in 2007 and will be published by Microsoft Game Studios.  
<http://www.nea.com/NewsAndEvents/PressReleases/NewsFromNEA2006/>

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**o Four Local Companies Picked to Present at Southeast Venture Conference**

Research Triangle Park, N.C. -- Four local technology companies has been chosen to present at the upcoming **Southeast Venture Conference** that will be held on Jan 31-Feb. 1 in North Carolina. Local participants will include Arlington-based **buySAFE**, Charlottesville-based **Diffusion Pharmaceuticals**, McLean-based **Market10** and Providence Forge-based **Submachine**. They were among 16 companies initially selected to give presentations to an audience of investors and executives from around the

Southeast. The final round of selected companies will be announced in the coming days. **Lisa Hook**, the CEO of Vienna-based **SunRocket** and former president of AOL Broadband, will serve as a featured speaker.

<http://www.seventure.org/SoutheastVentureConference/25/feature-companies/>  
<http://www.seventure.org/SoutheastVentureConference/23/sunrocket/>

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#### **o Ted Hengst Named President of Harris Technical Services Corp.**

Falls Church, Va. -- **Harris Corporation**, an information technology company, has named **Ted Hengst** as the new president of its Falls Church-based **Harris Technical Services Corp.** (HTSC), a provider of a broad range of technology service to the federal government. Prior to joining Harris, Hengst was senior vice president at Fairfax-based **Army Solutions**, a subsidiary of General Dynamics. Before joining General Dynamics, Hengst served in the U.S. Army, retiring as a colonel in 2002.

[http://www.govcomm.harris.com/news/view\\_pressrelease.asp?act=lookup&pr\\_id=2026](http://www.govcomm.harris.com/news/view_pressrelease.asp?act=lookup&pr_id=2026)

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#### **o NASA Press Secretary to Join DC-Based Qorvis Communications**

Washington, DC -- **Dean Acosta**, who has served as NASA's press secretary since April 2005, will leave the space agency to become a managing director at DC-based **Qorvis Communications**, the communications firm said. Acosta, who also holds the title of deputy assistant administrator for public affairs, led NASA's public affairs and communications activities following the space shuttle Columbia accident in 2003. At Qorvis, he will help guide the firm's aerospace and technology clients. He will officially join the firm on Jan. 2. Acosta also previously spent 12 years as a television, radio and print journalist, earning an Emmy Award for investigative reporting.

<http://www.qorvis.com/>

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/061211/dcm048.html?.v=68>

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#### **o Mike Golden Named New CTO at Transportation Security Administration**

Washington, DC -- The **Transportation Security Administration** (TSA) has named **Mike Golden** as its CTO. Golden, who most recently served as the senior director of airport security technologies at Southwest Airlines, will oversee the implementation and development of security technologies across several modes of transportation.

[http://www.tsa.gov/press/releases/2006/press\\_release\\_12112006.shtm](http://www.tsa.gov/press/releases/2006/press_release_12112006.shtm)

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#### **o DC-Based Business Software Alliance Settles with Burlington, Payless**

Washington, DC -- The DC-based **Business Software Alliance** (BSA), a group representing some of the nation's leading software manufacturers, said that it has received nearly half a million dollars in software piracy settlements from department store chain **Burlington Coat Factory** and discount shoe chain **Payless ShoeSource**. The BSA said that Burlington paid \$300,000 to settle claims that it had unlicensed copies of Microsoft and McAfee software programs installed on its computers. Payless, meanwhile paid more than \$124,000 to settle claims that it had unlicensed copies of Adobe, Autodesk, Borland, Internet Security Systems, McAfee and Symantec software programs installed on its computers. The BSA said that about one-fifth of software in the U.S. is unlicensed. The organization is now offering rewards of up to \$200,000 for qualifying reports received through its hotline or online reporting form.

### o Venture Capital Investments on Track to Hit Five-Year High

San Francisco -- With more than \$25 billion invested after the first three quarters of this year, venture capital activity in the U.S., Europe, China and Israel is poised to hit a five-year high, according to a new report by San Francisco-based **Dow Jones VentureOne** and **Ernst & Young**. The firms said that the investment total is expected to top \$32 billion for the year, even though global deal flow may fall short of a year ago. The firms said that the venture capital market has seen strong growth in new markets such as China, as well as in emerging industries, such as the burgeoning "cleantech" segment and Web 2.0. "Once again, this year has shown that venture capital follows a cyclical pattern with the cycle ramping back up in 2006 in conjunction with a new wave of global activity," said Steve Harmston, the director of global research at VentureOne.

<http://biz.yahoo.com/pz/061211/110153.html>

<http://www.ventureone.com/>

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### o Briefly Noted:

(Dulles, Va.) Dulles-based **AOL** said on Tuesday that it has launched a co-branded site with **Major League Gaming** (MLG), a professional video game league. The site, which will be part of AOL's Gamedaily site, will feature MLG's professional gaming content, including streaming video highlights, pro player profiles, blogs and online tournaments.

<http://www.gamedaily.com/major-league-gaming>

(Bethesda, Md.) Bethesda-based **MobilePro**, a provider of broadband telecommunications services, said on Tuesday that its wireless subsidiary, **Kite Networks**, has completed the initial phase of its new Wi-Fi network in Longmont, Colo. Kite constructed and will own and operate the network, which covers approximately 22 square miles of the city.

<http://www.mobileprocorp.com/news.php>

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/061212/cltu070.html?.v=65>

(Alexandria, Va.) Alexandria-based **Avineon**, a provider of information technology, engineering, geospatial and program management services, said on Tuesday that it has won a deal with the **Internal Revenue Service** (IRS) to develop an electronic system for the filing and release of federal tax liens. The IRS files more than 1 million lien documents annually with around 4,000 federal, state and local recording offices.

<http://www.avineon.com/>

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/061212/dctu003.html?.v=84>

(Warrenton, Va.) Warrenton-based **Athena Technologies**, a developer of flight control and navigation technology for unmanned aerial vehicles, has named **James Godwin**, a retired rear admiral in the U.S. Navy, as its vice president of certification and life cycle support. Godwin has more than 30 years of experience in the Navy, including key senior management positions within the F/A-18 program.

[http://www.athenati.com/news\\_events/press\\_releases/december\\_11\\_2006\\_-\\_athena](http://www.athenati.com/news_events/press_releases/december_11_2006_-_athena)

(Vienna, Va.) Vienna-based **Parature**, a maker of customer support software, on Tuesday named its 2007 product advisory board, a group of the company's clients who provide feedback and suggestions. The board includes representatives from The Weather Channel Interactive, International College, K2 Network, ExtendMedia and Forward Together.

[http://www.parature.com/press\\_release.aspx?ID=06-0034](http://www.parature.com/press_release.aspx?ID=06-0034)

(Washington, DC) DC-based **XM Satellite Radio**, a provider of satellite radio service to more than 7 million subscribers, said on Tuesday that it will broadcast 12 additional **college football bowl games**. The company had already announced plans to broadcast the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) National Championship Game, the Sugar Bowl, the Orange Bowl and the Fiesta Bowl. XM's full bowl schedule is available at the link below.

[http://xmradio.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=press\\_releases&item=1402](http://xmradio.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=press_releases&item=1402)