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News Release

Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation Announces 2018 Innovation Award Recipients

St. Cloud, Minn., August 15, 2018 – The Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation (GSDC) announces the recipients of their 2018 Innovation Awards. A strategic focus of the GSDC is to foster and promote innovative thinking among area businesses and organizations. The GSDC Innovation Awards recognize St. Cloud area for-profit and non-profit organizations employing innovation to solve problems and create opportunities.

Biodapt, Inc. and Brenny Specialized, Inc. will each receive an award for a for-profit company. The recipients of the two non-profit awards are Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid/CentraCare and Feeding Area Children Together (FACT). Each awardee will receive \$1,000. The organizations will be recognized at the upcoming meeting of all GSDC investors on November 1.

Biodapt, Inc. has been selected for the for-profit emerging company award. The award recognizes the company's prosthetic products for adaptive sports, including Moto Knee, Versa Foot and Alpine Ski Foot. The company is located in St. Cloud, Minn. More information can be found at www.lbiodaptinc.com.

Brenny Specialized, Inc. will receive the for-profit established company award for creating their own Young Driver Training/Apprentice program in response to an industry shortage in drivers. It is a progressive training program that introduces prospective drivers to careers in driving and transportation through hands-on experiences. The company is located in St. Joseph, Minn. See website at www.brennytransportation.com.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid and CentraCare have been selected for one of two awards for non-profit organizations. Through their Medical/Legal Partnership medical care providers and lawyers work together to assure that health care outcomes are not negatively impacted by social problems experienced by patients. For more information contact Ralonda Mason at Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, rmason@mylegalaid.org or Paul Schoenberg at CentraCare, schoenbergp@centracare.com.

Feeding Area Children Together (FACT) will receive an award for a non-profit organization for its FACT Packs food program, which aims to reduce childhood hunger in central Minnesota with a

weekend backpack style food program. Learn more at <https://www.stcloudfact.org/>. FACT is located in St. Cloud, Minn.

The GSDC Innovation Awards are led by the GSDC Innovation Corps, the focus of which is to support progress and developments the greater St. Cloud, Minn. region.

About the Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation

The Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation is a non-profit (501c3) collaboration of more than 260 regional public and private organizations in Central Minnesota. Its mission is to lead economic development for the benefit of the greater St. Cloud region. The GSDC is funded through business investor contributions, personal contributions, and grants. All actions are self-governed by the organization's investors, boards and various committees. Learn more at www.greaterstcloud.com.

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