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VizX Labs Named a 2002 Venture All Star Company

The Pacific Northwest's Venture Event of the Year Honored VizX Labs as one of the Top Venture-Backed Companies in the Region

SEATTLE—September 30, 2002—VizX Labs, a developer of bioinformatics software, has been honored as a 2002 Venture All Star by the Investment Forum, a non-profit organization that promotes promising new companies to the business and investment community. J. Thomas Ranken, President & CEO, was honored along with 38 other Northwest CEOs last night at the Pacific Northwest's venture event of the year honoring the top venture-backed companies in the region held at the Seahawks Stadium. VizX Labs was also featured in the third edition of The Venture Map, the definitive visual business reference, which will be distributed to more than 30,000 private investors and top business executives throughout the Northwest including Oregon and British Columbia.

"We are delighted to be selected as a recipient of this coveted recognition," said Mr. Ranken. "It is a gratifying verification of our business concept and the hard work of our people."

The 2002 Venture All Star companies were selected over a six-week period from more than 125 nominations by a 35-member Selection Committee comprised of representatives from the region's top venture capital funds and private investors. In order to be selected, these companies had to meet multiple business and funding criteria indicative of future success including strong management and financial backing. For a complete list of the companies, go to <http://www.TheVentureMap.com>.

“VizX Labs has proven its ability to be a leader and prosper in a difficult economic environment,” said Nathan McDonald, Chair of the 2002 Venture All Stars and Investment Forum. “We’re honored to produce the third-annual Venture All Stars event to recognize and promote companies with outstanding growth prospects.”

About VizX Labs

Vizx Labs is a bioinformatics company developing Web-based systems for data acquisition, management, and analysis of molecular biology data and information. These products and services allow biologists to readily incorporate sophisticated data management and computational analysis into their research efforts. GeneSifter.Net is the company’s first product. It is a web-based, microarray analysis system that helps researchers make discoveries about the functioning of genes.

About the Investment Forum

The mission of the Investment Forum is to promote promising new companies by creating, operating and producing creative ways to educate and bring entrepreneurs, investors, and the business community together for the benefit of all. Bryce James, Tim Reha, and Nathan McDonald formed the Investment Forum as a Washington State Non-Profit Corporation in 2000.

The Investment Forum produces and co-promotes events, forums, speakers and special projects on a monthly basis. The Investment forum features a popular monthly Investment News and Event Email Newsletter for Angel Investors and Entrepreneurs. The organization is operated out of Seattle, Washington. <http://www.InvestmentForum.org>.

About the Venture All Stars

Investment Forum along with title sponsor, the law firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, and the other sponsors, present the 2002 Venture All Stars, a salute to the region’s entrepreneurs and their success. The selected Venture All Star Companies are those that the local venture investing community believe have demonstrated the ability to follow in the footsteps of the region’s most successful growth businesses, such as Microsoft, Starbucks, Costco, Amazon.com and Immunex, to name a few of the local companies that relied on private venture funds to grow. Selection as a Venture All Star Company acknowledges each of their efforts to date, gives them visibility in the community, and encourages their future success. <http://www.VentureAllStars.com>

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