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Verge Named Top 100 Venture Capital Firm

Verge Recognized in Top 100 for Venture Capital by Entrepreneur Magazine

Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 24, 2006—*Entrepreneur Magazine* has announced that Verge, a New Mexico-focused venture capital fund, has been named to its list of top 100 Venture Capital Firms for Entrepreneurs. *Entrepreneur's* annual report is taken from analysis for the "Money Tree Report" by PricewaterhouseCoopers and the National Venture Capital Association, and is compiled with data based on the number of deals completed in 2005.

"We are honored to be named to the 'Top 100' list," said Tom Stephenson, Verge Managing General Partner. "It is an important validation of the growth in opportunities that fit our Verge Model: seed stage technology deals in New Mexico."

"Verge's investment activity in 2006 has already exceeded that for 2005, as has New Mexico's in general," added David Durgin, another General Partner with Verge. "We hope to see this growth translate into greater attention for the region, and greater success for our portfolio investments."

With seven New Mexico investments, Verge has been among the most active investors since its formation in 2004. Verge is the only fund headquartered in New Mexico to be named to the list.

About Verge

Verge is a seed and pre-seed venture capital fund, investing in promising technology opportunities in New Mexico. With over 80 years experience in New Mexico as investors and operators, the six Verge partners work closely with entrepreneurs and technologists to develop promising opportunities in successful commercial ventures. Focusing on technology investments in New Mexico, Verge invests at the earliest stages of a company's development, typically placing \$100,000-\$500,000 in first round investments. Verge's limited partner interests include significant investment from the New Mexico State Investment Council and the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation.
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