Project Visualization Tool Takes Second in Inventors' Contest

A software program that turns mind-boggling project plans into easily understandable timeline animations took second place at the Third Annual Colorado Inventor Showcase on Nov. 15. The product was among more than 40 presented to the 500 people in attendance.

The new products, TimeArrow™ and OnePager, which seamlessly translate the data from Microsoft Project and Outlook data into richly animated storyboards or snapshots, were created by Chronicle Graphics, Inc., a Colorado startup in Centennial. The products are being used by forward-looking Colorado businesses such as Ball Aerospace Technologies, Halliburton, Sand Cherry Associates, and Charles Schwab & Co.

"These products relieve a pain point that all managers, particularly project managers, constantly feel," said Jim Black, Chronicle Graphics founder and CEO. "Countless hours — and dollars — are going down the drain because project managers are trying to manually turn voluminous project data into graphics that an executive can immediately see and understand on a PowerPoint slide. The Chronicle Graphics suite of products makes these essential translations quick and simple, whether the manager's communication needs call for a simple motionless picture or a dynamic movie. I am thrilled that the judges at the Colorado Inventor Showcase saw this value added."   Ron Powell of Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp had this to say about the products " One problem we have experienced is being able to show our program schedules in a consistent format to our management and customers.. Some programs create Microsoft Project views while others use Excel, PowerPoint, Visio or use some add-in that a customer may have recommended to the program to create a summary schedule. My challenge was to find a means to develop the summary schedules in a consistent format and that provided enough information for management to understand the status of the program. Chronicle Graphics OnePager has helped us solve this problem."

The contest was sponsored by the DaVinci Institute, a non-profit futurist think tank. Celebrity judges included Neil Westergaard, editor of the Denver Business Journal, and Jeffrey Divney, Chief Patent Counsel for Lockheed Martin.

About Chronicle Graphics

Chronicle Graphics, Inc. was founded in 2006 by software development and project-management veterans to automate the creation of graphical project stories. Their TimeArrow™ application suite enables people to import data from Microsoft Office applications and create compelling visuals for inclusion in PowerPoint presentations and web pages. More information on the Chronicle Graphics suite of products is available at www.chroniclegraphics.com.