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2006 BPC Winners & Finalists

First Place and Best Bioscience Award: Tensegrity Prosthetics, Jerome Rifkin

Tensegrity Prosthetics, Inc. has created the first major technological advancement for prosthetic feet in the past 25 years. The company will initially manufacture the product while it builds a distribution network through prosthetists and distributors. Tensegrity has created a working prototype of its first product, called "The Liberator," which functionally mimics the complex workings of the human foot.

Second Place: Apropos Magazine, Sharon Reed

Apropos Magazine's mission is to provide the knowledge that powers today's woman. It represents a lifestyle and toolkit type of publication for the single woman, between 25-44. The magazine presents facts, information and instructional content covering a variety of topics including technology, home and car care and repair, finance, career and much more. Apropos will fill an existing gap in the magazine industry for addressing how single women can take command of their lives and become successful.

Third Place: Bright Light Innovations, Ryan Palmer, Ajay Jha, Sachin Joshi

Bright Light Innovations will develop and distribute improved cook stoves that will produce electricity for home use while also reducing biomass consumption by 70%. The initial product, The Starlight Stove, utilizes a thermo-electric generator to convert heat from the stove into electricity, which can then be used for lighting or stored in a battery and used at a later time.

Finalist: Progressive Health Center, Sue Goodin, William Oliva

Progressive Health Center (PHC), a Colorado non-profit corporation, will offer patients with neurological disorders the highest caliber services from complementary and holistic practitioners who are able to integrate their treatment with conventional medical treatments. The company will provide low-cost or no-cost complementary medicine to people living with neurological diseases.

Finalist and Best Nonprofit Award: Cosotec, Craig Lieb, Ashley Housley, Brian Pedroza

Cosotec, (collegiate social technologies) is a nonprofit, membership-based association which promotes university-community partnerships to develop technologies for the needy. Science, engineering, and business students from colleges across the country will get the opportunity to apply their education to solve real-world community problems with products they develop. Cosotec facilitates the proliferation of this novel form of social innovation by providing consulting services and startup financing.

Finalist: Rocky Mountain Forest Fuel, Kevin Egan, Joshua Grossman, Moon Hwan Kim

Rocky Mountain Forest Fuel Inc. seeks to provide a cost effective and environmentally friendly heating source to homes and businesses. The result will be to lessen the monetary burden of rising energy prices while simultaneously assisting the federal government in keeping forests healthy and in utilizing forest thinning byproducts such as wood pellets for stoves and fuel.