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Melvin Mark Companies Supports Learning, Recognition of Oregon Entrepreneurs

PORTLAND, Ore. — Melvin Mark Brokerage Company recently hosted an evening of entrepreneurship presented by The Indus Entrepreneurs, a nonprofit network of entrepreneurs and business professionals. TiE provides a platform for mentoring, networking, and educating for its members and other community business leaders. More than 50 executives attended the event, held at Sunset Center at Tanasbourne, Melvin Mark's 75,000 square foot, Class A office building in the heart of the Silicon Forest.

"Predicting the Success of your Business" featured Thomas Thurston, president and managing director of Growth Science International, a global authority on disruptive innovation and models that predict if a business is likely to survive or fail. Thurston and a panel of experts shared insights on the key ingredients for predicting the future of a business and discussed strategies for positioning a business to succeed. The panel included Mark Frohnmayer, president, Arcimoto; Sudhir Bhagwa, Angel Investor and ex-CEO of Snap Games, and Charla Mathwick, associate professor, Portland State University.

"Melvin Mark is a strong believer in the power of entrepreneurship," said Jon Carder, president, Melvin Mark Brokerage Company. "Growing and emerging businesses are the heart beat of our community. Office space can be a key ingredient in helping these companies flourish — we're here to match their business goals and needs with the right space that helps propel them to the next level."

Melvin Mark also served as a sponsor of the Oregon Entrepreneur's Network Tom Holce Awards 2010. OEN is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the climate for emerging, growth-oriented companies across Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. The annual Tom Holce Awards recognize local entrepreneurs who stand out as leaders in creating jobs and growing the economy. Melvin Mark sponsored the OEN Growth Stage Company of the Year, which was awarded to Smarsh, a provider of email archiving and compliance solutions

About Melvin Mark

The Melvin Mark Companies have developed, owned and managed property in Portland since 1945. They currently own or manage nearly three million square feet of commercial space in the metro area, and provide a full range of commercial real estate services for landlords and tenants.

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