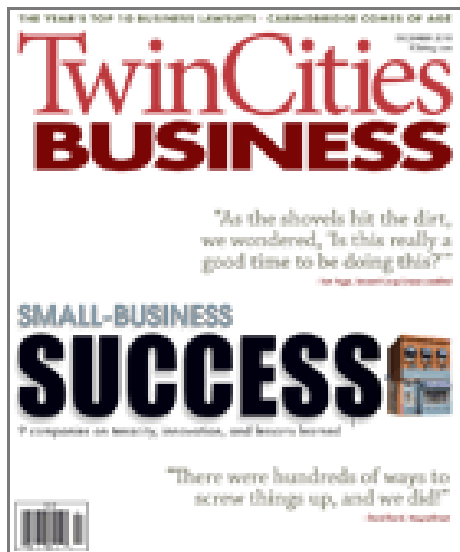


NEWS ALERT

Cortec® Announced As Finalist By Twin Cities Business Magazine!



Cortec® Corporation was named one of ten finalists for the 2011 Twin Cities Business Magazine "Small Business Success Stories" as nominated by Art Ahlbrecht, Cortec® Vice President of Research and Development (retired). Cortec® is one of ten companies that have created a successful business that truly addresses the real needs of their customers. Cortec® is proud to be recognized as a business that adds to Minnesota's economy and overall quality of life.

What makes companies small-business successes is not just one element. Though the ten finalist companies are associated with entrepreneurial endeavors with a particular overreaching characteristic, most successful small businesses embody several traits. The mix for each company chosen is distinctive and that distinctiveness is key to why these companies have succeeded. In collaboration with Associated Bank, the sponsor of Small-Business Success Stories, Twin Cities Business has put a spotlight on smaller local enterprises since 2002.

Cortec® Corporation will be featured in the December issue of Twin Cities Business Magazine and celebrated at an awards dinner in January 2012.