

## CCAT Awards Grants

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SAN DIEGO — The Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology, or CCAT, announced the winners from its Oct. 31 call for grant applications for crisis and consequence management technologies.

CCAT was created by a \$5.2 million, two-year Congressional grant. Comprised of the San Diego State University Foundation and Entrepreneurial Management Center, the University of California San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering and UCSD CONNECT, Orincon Corp. and SPAWAR, CCAT's stated mission is to help identify technologies that have both public and private applications and provide services and funds that can ensure those technologies make it into use.

The grants were given to 11 organizations:

- Bio-Quant for its multiplex diagnostic testing for anthrax antigen
- Clarity BioSciences Inc. for technology to identify fungal pathogens
- DigiVision Inc. for its real-time image enhancement system
- EyeTraking Inc. for its Eye-Tracking Evaluation of New Technologies system, which analyzes cognitive effort required by technology users in crisis situations
- GeoPerception Inc. for its Personal Pilot geographic information system
- Intecon Systems Inc. for its technology for rapid biological decontamination of organisms suspended in volumetric air and attached to surfaces and at removing contamination (submicron particles) from surfaces utilizing off the shelf hardware
- Pixon LLC for three of its video and imaging technologies
- Plexus Vaccine Inc. for vaccine development in response to biowarfare threats
- Quantum Magnetics Inc. for its i-Portal 100 weapons detection system
- SCS Corp. for technology for radio frequency identification used in aviation security
- University of California, San Diego Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry for its handheld, silicon-based sensor for chemical warfare agents and hydrocarbons

What funds and services each winner will receive depends on what stage of development the technology is in, according to CCAT. In addition to grants of up to \$65,000, CCAT will perform prototyping services, marketing analyses, business plan development and market validations.

The next deadline for applications is not defined but could be as soon as Jan. 31, according to a spokesperson for the organization. Application deadlines fall approximately every four months.

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