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Finland-Based Wireless Network Technology Company Lands in Akron

Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic announced today that Finland-based wireless network technology company, *7signal Ltd.*, is locating its sales offices and Network Operation Center in Akron's Biomedical Corridor.

"In today's world of health care," said the Mayor, "one of the most critical missions is to develop computerized software and hardware that enhances the work of doctors and hospitals."

The mission of *7signal* is to make wireless LAN (WLAN) network work reliably in hospital settings. The company's unique "Wireless Quality Assurance (WQA)" solution helps to ensure that end-users of the healthcare applications (doctors, nurses, medical records, and critical medical devices) connect reliably and stay connected all the time.

“With our solution, it is possible to continuously monitor and take preventive actions on the hospital’s wireless network services,” said Jukka-Pekka Sarkka, *7signal*’s CEO. “This allows the wireless network manager to ensure that wirelessly enabled clinical and business processes are run smoothly 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.”

7signal has been operating successfully at Akron General Medical Center and Akron Children’s Hospital for the past 4 months. “*7signal* has a quality solution that aids us in the expansion of our wireless capabilities. We are always looking for ways to expand our high tech/high touch health care delivery systems,” said Akron Children’s Hospital CIO Tom Ogg. “We appreciate the efforts of the City of Akron and the Chamber of Commerce in bringing us new vendors like *7signal*.”

“Everything we have done at Akron Global Business Accelerator including the BioFinland Technology Bridge Program has been to bring jobs to Akron,” said the Mayor.

Akron General Medical Center is “especially proud to help the City of Akron in expanding its Biomedical Corridor,” said Dave Fiser, Vice President and CIO for Akron General Health System.

7signal was founded in Helsinki, Finland by former Nokia Research & Development managers – turned entrepreneurs – in 2006, and located in the award-winning Akron Global Business Accelerator which has been a key partner in the development of the BioFinland Technology Bridge Program, established by Mayor Plusquellic in 2010 with the city of Helsinki.

BioFinland is a collaborative initiative between the city of Akron, the Akron Global Business Accelerator and the Helsinki Business and Science Park, Finland's premier business incubator focused in life-sciences.

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