

2011 P2C Finalists

1. Chicks and Girlies

Sheri Sopczak designs and produces one-of-a-kind leather handbags for her design company Chicks and Girlies (C&G). C&G handbags are presently offered at approximately 20 percent of what other companies offer one-of-a-kind handbags. C&G sells to individual customers using social media. By expanding their enterprise, Chicks and Girlies hopes to be able to increase their productivity substantially and sell to small shops in stores in quantities of 100 handbags, available in four colours.

2. Click Photobooth Rentals

Jennifer Buckingham is the creator of Click Photobooth Rentals, which is a portable, digital photobooth that is delivered to events to add an extra element of photo fun. Guests will enter the booth, and take a series of photos which will be printed off 10 seconds later. The photostrip on the photos will include the logo of the clients putting on the event to allow for the photos to be used as a keepsake of the event or a marketing tool for a sponsor.

3. Intragrain

Kyle Folk and IntraGrain Technologies offer a simple solution for convenient grain storage monitoring. The system can monitor any and all remote grain bins, and be viewed via the internet. Each year over 25,000 farms in Saskatchewan harvest their crops only to store their grain at the risk of spoilage due to internal heating. With no insurance available on stored grain, IntraGrain is giving all farms the opportunity to be proactive in avoiding this costly problem.

4. Neechie Gear (Saskatoon)

Kendal Netmaker has created Neechie Gear (formerly Moose Meat Apparel), the first clothing company in Canada to create, support and develop Aboriginal youth-based sports teams. The company currently sells t-shirts, hoodies, sweat pants, wrist bands, lanyards and stickers that are targeted to appeal to Aboriginal youth. A percentage of the profits from product sales go towards a club they created called the Neechie Athletics Club, which provides elite sports teams to Aboriginal athletes in Saskatchewan. Neechie Gear also promotes education with their post-secondary and high school bursaries. Currently, Neechie Gear products are sold through their e-commerce website, but Kendal hopes to expand his sales to Canadian retail outlets.

5. Sprossil Industries

Eric and Rachel Penner de Waal have created Sprossil Industries to provide simple, easy-to-use building materials that save energy, such as the Smart Stud[®], a hybrid framing member designed to replace conventional 2x6 studs, making a home 10 percent more energy efficient. The Smart Stud[®] will reduce costs for builders by utilizing conventional framing methods that reduce training for workers, as well as by allowing electricians to run wire without drilling holes.

6. Phantom Towable Pod

Jamie and Veronica Scott have created Phantom Towable Pods, a company that will manufacture and sell accessories for personal watercrafts (PWC) within Western Canada. Their first product is a towable pod system that attaches to a PWC to transport cargo efficiently and safely in the water. Recently PWC trends have moved towards designs that feature increased passenger capacity, but limited onboard storage space. Phantom Towable pod was created to increase cargo capacity and add functionality to personal watercrafts.

7. Over the Hill Orchards

Dean and Sylvia Kreutzer are founders of Over the Hill Orchards, the first Certified Organic fruit processor in the prairies. They are expanding their enterprise through the creation of a tourist destination at the orchard site. A processing facility, bakery, tree nursery and gift shop will be built on-site, where tours will be offered to allow the customers to experience all aspects of the operation. Over the Hill Orchards' will become the only business based in Saskatchewan to offer an organic fruit and eco-tourism experience.

8. Table4One Inc.

Teresa Sebastian and Amy Keess have created Table4One Inc, a web based company designed to enable business professionals who travel regularly to network with other professionals while on the road. Table4One will be launched as a website with correlating applications that can be downloaded to Blackberry or iPhone interfaces. For a nominal membership fee, people will be able to create a profile to network and meet face to face with other like-minded professionals while travelling outside their home communities. This service will help people to develop new industry contacts, further their careers, and uncover new business or job opportunities.