

## WetStone Technologies, Inc. Named 2007 Tibbetts Award Winner

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**Cortland, NY, September 12, 2007 –** We are proud to announce WetStone Technologies, Inc., a division of Allen Corporation of America has been selected as one of the winners of the 2007 Tibbetts Awards. WetStone will receive the award on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Westin hotel located at 1400 M Street NW in Washington, D.C.

Named for Roland Tibbetts—the person acknowledged as the father of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program—these prestigious, national awards are made annually to those small firms, projects, organizations and individuals judged to exemplify the very best in SBIR achievement.

WetStone is one of 55 companies in the U.S. to receive this award and was selected from over 4,000 companies that receive contracts and grants under the SBIR Program each year. WetStone is recognized specifically for their innovation in biometric fingerprint "liveness" identification. The spoofing of biometric devices is a threat to our national security and WetStone's LiveCheck™ technology developed under their SBIR program utilizes advanced software algorithms and neural net technology to identify fingerprint spoofing in real-time when a finger is presented for access. Since LiveCheck™ is a software only solution, the technology can be added to any existing or new biometric installations and does not require re-enrollment of the user base.

Since its inception in 1995, the Small Business Technology Council (*sbtc.org*) has played a crucial role in promoting congressional legislation and federal regulations that aid small, technology-based companies—including re-authorization of the SBIR program.

For detailed information about the Tibbetts Awards or for a complete list of winners please visit <a href="www.tibbettsawards.org">www.tibbettsawards.org</a> or contact Kelly Ivey, Director of Marketing at (607) 756-6086 ext. 123 or Jere Glover with the Small Business Technology Council at 202-662-9700.

<u>About WetStone Technologies, Inc.</u>- WetStone Technologies, Inc. was established in 1997 to advance digital investigation technologies and training. Today we focus our solutions and expertise on the challenges of eCrime Investigation, eForensics and eCompliance. WetStone is a subsidiary of Allen Corporation of America (www.allencorporation.com).