

>> NEWSMAKERS • **MONTANA WEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and **FLATHEAD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

recently were presented the 2018 Innovation Award at the Montana Economic Development Association's fall conference in Missoula, in celebration of the Kalispell Core and Rail Redevelopment Project. This annual award recognizes an innovative project significantly impacting a Montana community and its citizens. The award is intended to recognize participants involved in a Montana innovative economic development project and to highlight best practices, demonstrating excellence in economic development, partnership, resilience, and innovation.

Other Kalispell Core partners recognized in the collaborative effort included the city of Kalispell, Kalispell Business Improvement District, Montana Department of Commerce, U.S.

Department of Commerce/EDA, Department of Transportation/ Federal Rail Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, BNSF Railway and Watco Companies/Mission Mountain Rail. • **STACK FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

of Whitefish has been named to Barron's 2018 list of the "Top 100 Independent Financial Advisers" in the United States for the 11th time. It is the only firm to be recognized from the region, including Montana, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Barron's "Top 100" elite group of advisers are ranked based on over 100 different criteria, including assets under management, revenue growth, quality of practice and client satisfaction and retention. Stack Financial Management is noted for its "safety-first" investment philosophy and manages over \$1.2 billion in accounts for high net worth individuals spanning 49 states (\$750,000 account minimum).

James Stack, president of the company, founded the firm in 1994, and also owns and operates InvesTech Research, an independent financial research firm. • **SHIELD ARMS LLC**

of Bigfork recently won a \$33,350 federal contract from the U.S.

Army Contracting Command for subcompact weapon systems. **COMMUNICATION SOLUTIONS**

of Columbia Falls recently won an \$84,236 federal contract set aside for small business from the U.S.

Department of State for KyWay Go u7 satellites. • **SYSTEMS NORTHWEST LLC**

of Kalispell recently won a \$667,259 federal contract set aside for small business from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health for the upgrade of distributed antenna systems. The place of performance will be in Hamilton. • **SHAY SMITHWICKHANN,**

a Certified Financial Planner with Granite Peak Wealth Advisors Kalispell office, has been authorized by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards to use the Certified Financial Planner trademark and CFP® certification marks in accordance with CFP board certification and renewal requirements. Smithwick-Hann has worked at Granite Peak Wealth Advisors since 2014; his office is located at 4 Sunset Plaza, Suite 100, in Kalispell.

The CFP® marks identify those individuals who have met the rigorous experience and ethical requirements of the CFP Board, have successfully completed financial planning coursework and have passed the CFP® certification examination covering the financial planning process, risk management, investments, tax planning and management, retirement and employee benefits, and estate planning. • **CLASSONE TECHNOLOGY,** headquartered in Kalispell, has completed

an exclusive distribution agreement in Japan with Canon Marketing Japan Inc.

that will enable the Japanese company to start receiving orders for ClassOne's EDC tool Solstice yet this year. ClassOne Technology Inc. develops and provides innovative new wet-chemical equipment solutions and is a leading supplier of wet process equipment for the 200mm and smaller semiconductor industry.

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