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Anna Vignetti
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Dear Anna,

It is our great pleasure to confirm that *Cortec Corporation* has been named a 2006 Small Business Success Story by *Twin Cities Business* and program presenter Associated Bank. We thank you for drawing our attention to this company through your nomination.

2006 is the fourth year for the Small Business Success Stories program, which recognizes the accomplishments and milestones of Minnesota small businesses. This year we will honor nine Minnesota companies by featuring their stories in the December issue of *Twin Cities Business* and at an awards dinner January 11, 2007 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

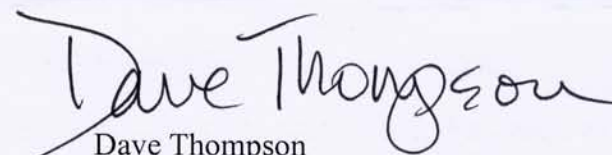
Twin Cities Business and Associated Bank invite you to join in the celebration at the awards dinner. The awards program will consist of cocktails, dinner, and a short program. A formal invitation will follow in early December.

On behalf of *Twin Cities Business* and Associated Bank, we thank you for your nomination and look forward to seeing you at the awards dinner.

Sincerely,

Jay Novak
Publisher and Editor
Twin Cities Business

Good nomination!



Dave Thompson
Executive Vice President
Associated Bank Minnesota, N.A.