



## **Biovation Named a Finalist for the Smaller Business Association of New England Innovation Awards**

*Biovation is one of 20 companies to advance to the finalist round; high-tech infection control product manufacturer represents Maine's growing technology and leading-edge manufacturing sectors.*

BOOTHBAY, ME – April 8, 2011 – Biovation LLC, a manufacturer of antimicrobial formulations and non-woven fiber products for food packaging and wound care, announces that it is a finalist for the 2011 New England Innovation Awards, sponsored by the Smaller Business Association of New England (SBANE). SBANE is a non-profit association that helps business owners grow their companies. Its New England Innovation Awards program showcases technology-driven enterprises that are potential “game-changers” in their marketplace niche. Twenty finalists were chosen from a field of 182 applicants; Biovation is a finalist for the Rising Star Category.

“Biovation is proud to advance to the finalist level for the 2011 New England Innovation Awards, not only for the honor to our own company, but for the ability to highlight the exciting advances being made in manufacturing in Maine,” says Kerem Durdag, CEO, Biovation. “The State of Maine has made strategic investments to support innovation in our technology and manufacturing sectors, and this recognition shows that the investments are paying off.”

The Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) nominated Biovation for the award, and the Maine Technology Institute (MTI) has awarded seed and development grants to Biovation. Biovation is a portfolio company of Anania & Associates, a private investment fund focusing on companies in the manufacturing, service, and distribution sectors.

The SBANE New England Innovation Awards are highly competitive. Each nominee represents its value proposition in a 15-minute presentation to an influential group of judges; the 20 finalists will each make a formal presentation to the entire panel of judges on April 13. Winners will be announced May 11 at the New England Innovation Awards Gala in Waltham, MA. Judges were interested in Biovation’s non-woven fiber technology platform and products that are addressing pressing current needs and its list of early adopter customers and partners.

More information about the SBANE awards is online at <http://www.sbane.org/sbane-events/the-innovation-awards/>



## **About Biovation LLC**

Biovation is a high-tech manufacturing company providing non-woven fiber products with antimicrobial properties for food packaging, wound care, and custom OEM applications. Biovation has extensive experience with bioplastic polymers such as polylactic acid, which comes from cornstarch and is completely biodegradable. Biovation's infection control chemistries also are available for coating on fibers, for textiles, or as stand-alone products for proprietary applications. For more information, call +1 207.633.0616 or visit <http://www.biovation.com>.

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