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### **Dennis Corporation tops the list in City's Business Spotlight Program**

Congratulations to the Dennis Corporation, which was recognized Wednesday, December 12, as the second honoree in the Business Spotlight Program.

Dan Dennis, president of the Dennis Corporation, accepted a special proclamation from Mayor Bob Coble and City Council members at Wednesday's City Council meeting. The city's Office of Business Opportunities began the monthly program as a way to showcase outstanding small businesses in Columbia. It was initiated by City Councilman Daniel Rickenmann.

The Dennis Corporation, an engineering, surveying and construction management firm, began operating in June 2005. Since its start, the business has benefited the community by recruiting candidates to mentor to local high school students and residents who are pursuing educational and career goals. The business also has made generous donations to 40 charities and professional organizations.

The Dennis Corporation has had plenty of opportunities to shine since it opened its doors more than two years ago. One of the most memorable moments in the life of the company was being recognized by the American Council of Engineering Companies, which honored it with the Engineering Excellence Award for 2006 Road Improvement Program.

If you would like to nominate a business for the Business Spotlight Program, the OBO would like to hear about it. Please call (803) 545-3950. You may also download an application from its Web site, [www.columbiacool.biz](http://www.columbiacool.biz), where you can learn more about the OBO and what it has to offer small businesses in Columbia.

The OBO offers quality services to encourage the creation, growth and development of small businesses. The Business Spotlight Program is the OBO's way of acknowledging local companies for their progress, leading to a boost in visibility for the City of Columbia.