

Capital spending up, Medar benefits

"The brakes on capital spending seem to be loosening," says Medar Inc. president Charles Drake.

Within the past few weeks, Medar has been awarded contracts valued at \$3.3 million from companies in the defense, aerospace, automotive, pharmaceutical and entertainment industries.

"All Medar operations experienced a slower than expected spring and summer. Quoting activity, however, was perhaps the highest during this time," said Drake about the Farmington Hills firm. "We anticipate closing orders at a brisk pace for the rest of the year and into 1988."

General Dynamics' Convair Division, San Diego, has awarded Medar a contract valued at \$650,000 for a non-contact, machine vision system for automated inspection and gauging the dimensional accuracy of composite aerospace parts.

Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore, Calif., has awarded Medar contracts valued at \$300,000. One contract calls for the development of enhancements to Medar's

existing data acquisition system, enabling the system to be ordered as a standard product that would be utilized on various types of welding methods used in the manufacture of aerospace components. Another contract calls for Medar to develop an adaptive welding control to be used by the National Bureau of Standards to establish the standard for the measuring of metal expansion generated by resistance welding systems.

MEDAR'S AUTOMATIC Inspection Devices subsidiary has received contracts valued at \$625,000 for non-contact machine vision gauging systems, from Bendix Autolite Corp., Fostoria, Ohio, for inspection of spark plugs during production, from The Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo, for inspection of labels, and from three producers of compact discs for inspection of the discs during manufacture.

Industrial Development Systems Inc. reported bookings of \$1 million for a system for the automated assembly and welding of automobile parts.

Results for the quarter ended Sept. 30 are expected to be announced in mid-November. Earnings per share are expected to show a loss in the 14-16 cent range, due mainly to lower than expected sales resulting from delays in orders.

In September, Medar completed the private placement of \$2 million

of seven-year subordinated convertible debentures, bearing 8 percent interest and convertible into 133 one-third shares of Medar stock for each \$1,000 of face value — a total of 266,666 shares when fully converted.

MEDAR is registering the underlying shares. The debentures, however, cannot be converted until after

Jan. 1. The company cannot require the holder to convert the debentures for the two-year period ending Sept. 30, 1989, except if the stock equals or exceeds \$11.25 per share for any 30 days in a 45-day period. The proceeds of the debentures will be used for general corporate purposes.

Medar designs and manufactures

computer-controlled automation equipment, including vision gauging and inspection systems, resistance welding controls, computer communications systems and automation machinery. Medar's customers include major companies in the defense, aerospace, automobile, appliance, entertainment and consumer goods packaging industries.

recreation news

Each week, the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Recreation Division presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information about programs, please contact the recreation office at 474-6115. For details about city council agenda items, please call the city newsletter at 476-3833.

● CRAFTS FROM NATURE

Tim Nowicki will help you learn the methods for drying wildflowers and creating dried floral arrangements, along with ways to use nature's material for drying cloth. The class will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, Nov. 14 in Heritage Park. Registration fee of \$3 per person or \$7 for the family should be paid at the Recreation office.

● MEN'S BASKETBALL

An organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Farmington Hills Library, 33737 12 Mile, for adults 18 years and older. This meeting is for team managers and will pertain to league structure, registration dates, fees and other pertinent information.

● BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Registration is now being accepted for the boys and girls youth basketball program. Children in grades 4-8 are eligible to participate. Teams will be formed by geographic location and grade levels. The instructional clinics will begin in December with games starting Saturday, Jan. 9. Registration deadline is Nov. 27. Fee is \$16 per participant.

● ICE RINKS

If your community group or subdivision association is interested in building a natural ice rink for the upcoming winter season, contact our Parks Division at 473-9530. Upon confirmation of your interest, we will send a copy of the recommended procedures for your review. Prior to the flooding of the rink, a \$25 fee is required.

● SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE

Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at East Middle School, 25000 Middlebelt, you will have the opportunity to buy or sell used winter sports equipment. Items include skates, downhill and cross-country skis and boots, clothing, sleds and more. Equipment consignment dates

for registering items to be sold are: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and 8:30-9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

● PARKEY THE PANDA

The Recreation mascot, "Parkey the Panda," has a special service to offer area residents and businesses. Parkey will deliver flowers, candy or a colorful balloon bouquet for that special occasion. Parkey will also assist at your child's birthday, company picnic, or hospital visit. Contact the Recreation Division for further information.

● THANKSGIVING WITH PARKEY

Revisit an early American Thanksgiving with "Parkey the Panda." You will enjoy a lunch of a turkey sandwich, chips and fruit with milk or apple juice. After lunch, the children will play games, listen to a Thanksgiving story and then receive a Parkey T-shirt. The program will be held at the Estate House at Heritage Park Saturday, Nov. 21 from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Fee is \$10 per couple, \$5 for each additional child. Activity is limited to 40 participants.

military news

Tapping the military news pipeline:

● HE GRADUATES

Airman Anthony Dettore, son of Leo Dettore of Farmington Hills and Sherill Dettore-Allingham of Clarkston, graduated from the KC-135 refueling operator crew training course at Castle Air Force Base, Calif. He earned the silver wings of an aircrew member.

During the eight weeks of flying

instruction, he learned to maneuver the boom of the KC-135 to make a connection with an aircraft receiving fuel and to supervise cargo loading operations. During the seven weeks of classroom instruction, the students learned to obtain celestial observations and compute weight and balance data.

In addition, graduates earned credits toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

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