

***Tibion Corporation***  
***Captures Top Award at What's Next? Boomer Business Summit***  
***Company's Business Model and Technology***  
***Recognized for Highest Potential in the +50 Market***

**San Francisco, April 5, 2005** – **Tibion Corporation**, a company specializing in the development of active orthotic devices to dramatically improve the quality of life for those suffering from impaired mobility, recently received the grand prize in the Boomer Business Competition at the second annual **What's Next Business Summit** held in Philadelphia March 9-10. The Summit was co-produced by the American Society on Aging (ASA) and its Business Forum on Aging, the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the Leavey School of Business at Santa Clara University and Mary Furlong & Associates.

At the Summit, prominent leaders in marketing, product development, and funding came together to showcase and discuss new research, case studies, consumer insights and marketing strategies as well as demographic trends associated with the U.S. Boomer market – comprised of 76 million people born between 1946 and 1964.

"We were extremely pleased to receive this award," said Kern Bhugra, Tibion's chief executive officer. "Everyone at Tibion is dedicated to developing revolutionary devices that have the potential to truly improve the lives of the mobility-impaired. Earning the recognition from business leaders with key insight into the needs of the Boomer market is both validating and inspiring."

**Tibion** captured the \$10,000 grand prize because the selection committee believed that its business model and technology have the highest potential to succeed in the +50 market. Business plans were considered from top universities as well as entrepreneurs from the US, England, Japan, New Zealand, Canada, and Iceland. The fields of medicine, media, financial services, housing and travel were represented by various plans.

"There has always been a need for mobility assistance devices. Until now, there had been no suitable technology for building powered active orthotic products," said Tibion CTO Dr. Robert Horst. "Our patented actuator technology will open up this field and allow us to create compact, lightweight assistance and rehabilitation devices."

Tibion's executive management team also includes Dr. Mark Williams, VP of Medical Affairs, and Morris Chubb, CFO.

**About Tibion Corporation**

*Tibion, an early stage company and NASA industrial partner, is developing active orthotic products to improve quality of life for those suffering from impaired mobility due to disease, injury or aging. The first application of the company's technology currently in development is the PowerKnee, a device designed to provide exo-skeleton based muscle augmentation and rehabilitation. The PowerKnee is constructed with a new patent-pending actuator, embedded microprocessor and sensors that will enhance mobility and enable the user to perform activities associated with daily living.*