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FREEPORT BUSINESS IS ON CUTTING EDGE *InterClay keeps local companies up to date with computer technology*

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FREEPORT - Ronald Gahm, president of InterClay LLC, is working to keep Freeport businesses on the cutting edge of computer software technology.

Gahm's company, InterClay, has been officially operating out of Freeport since July of this year. The company is actually a joint venture of two Freeport-based companies, Midpoint Inc. and Furst McNess. Prior to that, InterClay was a part of Aero



Now, with only eight staff people, InterClay has been able to write and develop software for a variety of Freeport and Midwestern companies seeking technological improvements.

"Our focus is software development and our primary specialty is applications that run within a Web browser," Gahm said. "So, they are Internet-based applications, but we cater to more of the business side, business applications that run inside of a browser."

Though it primarily caters to Freeport companies like Honeywell and Freeport Health Network, Gahm said his company also does business with a variety of companies in the Midwest.



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"We like to focus on the Freeport area, most definitely," Gahm said. "We do business with companies like Honeywell, Freeport Health Network, Kolb Cheese, the Furst McNess Corp., United Way. ... And then we do business with companies in six different states, most of them in the Midwest area."

One Freeport company that has especially benefited from InterClay's expertise is Honeywell. Recently, InterClay designed and implemented software for Honeywell that allows the corporation to do performance reviews much more quickly and accurately.

Dave Rappuhn, organizational development specialist for Honeywell, said the system basically pulls together a great deal of information pertinent to performance appraisals; pay tables, human resource guides, etc.; and makes them more readily available on the computer for managers to use.

"The system InterClay designed pulls all that stuff together," Rappuhn said. "It pulls from a variety of information and displays it just when you need it to, to do the job."

With the new system in place, Rappuhn said the time it takes for managers to complete performance reviews has been cut in half. It has also cut in half the amount of late reviews, as the software has a warning system reminding managers to complete the work. In addition, Rappuhn said the reviews are now much more accurate and of greater quality.