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# Ascension Technology Leaves Legacy for Future Generations

## Milton Company’s History, Achievements Preserved in Time Capsule

[Burlington, VT \(February 1, 2012\)](#) – The contributions of Ascension Technology to 21st Century medicine will be memorialized in stone next week, when the City of Burlington dedicates its Champlain 400 Quadricentennial Time Capsule.

**The dedication ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center Atrium at 60 Lake Street in Burlington.**

The time capsule, part of a larger Champlain 400 monument to be installed at the corner of College and Lake streets, is scheduled to be opened in 2106 to help inform the quincentennial celebration -- the 500th year anniversary of the European exploration of Lake Champlain by Samuel de Champlain. It contains mementos from the Lake Champlain Quadricentennial celebration in 2009, along with contributions from the Quadricentennial Committee and a range of Vermont businesses and artists.

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*- Nancy Bove,*

*Burlington Parks and Recreation Department*

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Among the capsule’s contents is a one-page document from Ascension, describing the manufacturing company’s history and highlighting the impact its magnetic sensors have had in minimally invasive surgery and other applications.

“*Ascension is a great representative of a Vermont-based company,*” said Nancy Bove, special events coordinator for the Burlington Parks and Recreation Department, who is coordinating the time capsule project. “*They’re a successful local business in Vermont.*” Bove said the goal with the time capsule was to include a cross-section of businesses, organizations and artists that provides a snap-shot of Vermont at the present time.

### About Ascension

Ascension makes 3D tracking devices for medical uses such as instrument navigation in image-guided surgery, ultrasound or minimally invasive procedures; biomechanics and motion capture; simulation and training; real-time visualization and computer animation. Ascension’s motion trackers – featuring miniature six-degrees-of-freedom sensors -- are used in everything from 3D ultrasound systems to engineering research to virtual reality displays. Its newest generation of 3D tracking tools includes: driveBAY, trakSTAR and medSAFE.