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## High-tech tide



Jim Aylward, CEO of Sy.Med Development, added 19 clients in the first quarter of 2009.

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### Nashville technology firms buck bad times to build momentum for industry

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Despite the battered economy, an emerging sector of Nashville's business community is turning a profit, hiring employees and boosting sales.

Nashville has long been recognized for its health care prowess and as a music and entertainment capital, yet another industry has been quietly growly: technology.

**Sy.Med Development Inc.**, a Brentwood-based medical software firm, says its earnings doubled in the first quarter compared to a year ago.

CEO Jim Aylward says the business landed a flood of new clients — 19 in the first quarter — from the stimulus talk of health care technology. Sy.Med offers software that allows doctors to input information and fill out several forms at once to become credentialed by insurers.

The 11-year-old company with 20 employees expects such growth will keep it ticking through the recession.