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Rand Notes Knoa Software, Inc. Completes \$7.5 Million Growth Capital Financing

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www.randcapital.com (NASDAQ: RAND), a Buffalo, New York based Small Business Investment Company (SBIC), notes that [Knoa® Software](http://www.knoa.com) (New York, NY) www.knoa.com has announced the close of a \$7.5 million investment financing round. Knoa is a leading provider of user experience and performance management software. Co-investors in the financing include [Ascent Ventures](#), [FA Tech](#), [Gefinor Ventures](#), and [Advantage Capital Partners](#). This latest round of investment will help broaden the global reach of Knoa's solutions. Knoa's press release can be seen <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20121203005859/en/Knoa-Software-Secures-7.5-Million-Growth>.

Knoa's award-winning Knoa Experience and Performance Manager (EPM) solution goes beyond the performance of networks, hardware and infrastructure -- providing a clear view of how users actually interact with the system -- screen by screen. Knoa EPM lets Information Technology (IT) departments proactively assess each user's performance, understand how each user navigates the application, and provides an early indication of user inconsistencies before they reach the support desk or worse, the customer.

Allen F. Grum, Rand Capital President, stated, "Knoa's software is deployed across a broad range of applications in numerous high profile customers, including many of the Fortune 50 and Global 5000 businesses, and is led by a talented management team. Rand's \$750,000 participation in the financing provided an opportunity to once again partner with Gefinor www.gefinorventures.com and Advantage Capital www.advantagecap.com in a New York City based software company which is now positioned for accelerated growth."

Reid Hutchins, Senior Vice President at Advantage Capital Partners, added, "We welcome the opportunity to support and create good jobs here in New York."

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ABOUT ADVANTAGE CAPITAL

Advantage Capital Partners is a multi-state investor. Reid Hutchins, Senior Vice President, manages its Glens Falls, New York office.

Advantage Capital Partners (www.advantagecap.com) is a leading venture capital and small business finance firm focused on investing in promising companies in connection with federal, state and local economic development efforts. With offices in New York, New Orleans, St. Louis, Austin and other U.S. cities, Advantage has raised more than \$1 billion since 1992 and invested in companies located in geographic areas underserved by traditional venture capital.

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