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## Business Doings

### Red Hat gets Virgin America contract

Red Hat, the largest seller of open source software, won a contract to support the Web site of Virgin America airlines.

Virgin America has grabbed attention in recent months with in-flight features such as personal entertainment systems, leather seats and plugs for laptops and other portable electronics. The San Francisco-based airline bills itself as a low-cost carrier. It plans to serve as many as 10 U.S. cities within a year and as many as 30 within five years.

Red Hat already supplies software for Virgin America's information technology systems. The Web site deal is an expansion of that relationship, the companies said.

### Deals

Bradford Mortgage Co. of Winston-Salem plans to open offices in Raleigh and Wilmington. Jason Eadie will run the Raleigh office.

GoFor & Fetch, a personal assistant and concierge service, has opened a Raleigh office run by Drew and Theresa Harrell.

Realty Executives Cary, owned by Don and Janet Edwards, is now open in the Shoppes on the Parkway at 3643 SW Cary Parkway.

WakeMed Health & Hospitals received a \$400,613 grant from the Duke Endowment to create and support a medical simulation lab to be used for education and training of health professionals.

Ascot Technologies in Cary began a class entitled "Getting More from Your BlackBerry." Ascot Technologies specializes in the development of mobile applications. Other classes available are "Getting More from Your Treo" and "Getting More from Your Windows Mobile Phone."

PPD plans to expand its operations in Bellshill, Lanarkshire, Scotland, and create 390 jobs to meet the demand for its drug development services. PPD is a Wilmington health-research business with operations in the Triangle.

The Splinter Group moved its offices from downtown Durham to downtown Carrboro. In addition to being named agency of record for Counter Culture Coffee and Green Tango Franchise Systems, the agency is developing brands for The Wine Authorities, Carolina Brewery & Grill, The Hopshop in Pittsboro and knowthemusicbiz.com.

Rivercrest Realty Investors, a Raleigh-based commercial real estate company, has acquired Plantation Heights in Atlanta. Plantation Heights consists of retail space and one- and two-bedroom apartments.

Constella Group, which provides professional health services, has partnered with TCG Lifesciences, an India-based contract drug-discovery and drug-development company. Constella expects to expand its clinical trials services into India.

Calvert Holdings has begun the Calvert BioCapital Fund I, a venture capital limited partnership

that will acquire and develop early-stage biopharmaceutical compounds and technologies. Michael A. Recny has joined Calvert Holdings as co-founder and managing partner of Calvert BioCapital.

Capital Ford and the Capital Group are continuing an agency agreement with The King Partnership in Raleigh to market and sell their automotive products.

Environmental Services opened a Washington office at 136 W. 2nd St. The company will provide ecological, forestry, historic, cultural and environmental consulting services. Seth Ward, an ESI senior forester/scientist, will direct the office.

Rowan County government chose Kelly MarCom in Sanford to complete its new Web site project.

Summit IT Services has been acquired by TunaFish Enterprises in Raleigh, which is owned and operated by David Turner. The company will continue doing business as Summit IT Services.

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