

Black-led Technology Startup Company Continues to Gain Traction

Blackboard Solar Signs First Distribution Agreement

Flossmoor, Illinois Aug 26, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Despite launching in the Midwest at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic without any outside investment, Blackboard Solar, Inc. has survived and continues to gain traction. The Chicago, Illinois-based technology startup company recently executed its first distribution agreement.

“This agreement with QRS Marketing Group marks a major milestone for us and positions the company for growth,” says David Wilson, co-founder and company president. “We believe QRS Marketing Group will be an excellent partner to help expand our market reach.”

In 2013, Wilson obtained a patent for a removable photovoltaic charging pack with a container and a receiving compartment comprising a transparent panel to hold the charging pack. He started a company called Global Resource Management, Inc. to commercialize the invention as a solar backpack. For seven years, Wilson attempted to build the business but didn’t make much progress. In late 2019, he essentially started over and recruited three other individuals to help him launch Blackboard Solar, Inc.

“When I secured the patent in 2013 and began trying to bring a product to market, it felt like showing up early to a party that hadn’t yet begun,” says Wilson. “But the environment has changed over the years, both literally and figuratively. Concerns about energy production’s impact on the environment, the effects of climate change, and the growth of backpacks as part of our lifestyle have created an atmosphere that is much more receptive to our product.”

In addition to Wilson’s original patent, Blackboard Solar has filed for another utility patent for improvements in the invention as well as a design patent. The company’s first product offering is its Progenitor line of solar backpacks. They are currently available in black or heather grey polyester, brown leather, or clear plastic. The company believes that its solar backpacks are particularly attractive for the promotional products (also called advertising specialties), employee rewards and incentives, and disaster preparedness markets.

About Blackboard Solar, Inc.

Blackboard Solar, Inc. develops and manufactures solar-based technologies and products that sustain the environment, improve the lives of consumers, and increase the effectiveness of organizations. For more information, please visit www.blackboardsolar.com.

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