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The [Business Software Alliance \(BSA\)](#), a [software watchdog](#) group representing the nation's leading manufacturers, today announced that seven Chicago-area organizations paid BSA a combined total of \$580,000 to settle claims that they had unlicensed copies of software programs installed on office computers. In addition to making their respective payments, the companies agreed to delete any unlicensed copies, purchase replacement software and strengthen their software management practices. The following organizations settled claims with BSA:

- Claire-Sprayway, Inc., a manufacturer of aerosol packaged chemical products, household, institutional and industrial cleaning agents and adhesives, headquartered in Addison, IL, paid BSA \$75,000 after a self-audit revealed that it had unlicensed Adobe and Microsoft software programs on its computers.
- DeStefano & Partners, Ltd., ([www.dplusp.com](#)) an architecture firm located in Chicago, IL, paid BSA \$70,000 after a self-audit revealed that it had unlicensed Adobe and Microsoft software programs on its computers.
- Great Lakes Plumbing and Heating Co., ([www.glph.com](#)) a sprinkler contractor located in Chicago, IL, paid BSA \$80,000 to settle claims that it had unlicensed Autodesk, FileMaker, Microsoft and Symantec software programs on its computers.
- LR Development Company LLC, ([www.lrrealty.com](#)) a property development company located in Chicago, IL, paid BSA \$45,000 to settle claims that had unlicensed Adobe, Autodesk and Microsoft software programs on its computers.
- Mi-Jack Products, Inc., ([www.mi-jack.com](#)) an equipment provider for the railroad and port industry, headquartered in Hazel Crest, IL, agreed to pay BSA \$110,000 to settle claims that it had unlicensed Microsoft and Symantec software programs on its computers.
- OTTO Engineering, ([www.ottoeng.com](#)) an engineering and manufacturing company located in Carpentersville, IL, agreed to pay BSA \$90,000 to settle claims that it had unlicensed Microsoft software programs on its computers.
- Weaver Boos & Gordon, ([www.weaverboos.com](#)) an environmental engineering consulting firm located in Chicago, IL, agreed to pay BSA \$110,000 after a self-audit revealed that it had unlicensed Adobe, Autodesk, Microsoft and Symantec software programs on its computers.

Most investigations begin with a call to BSA's hotline, 1-888-NO PIRACY, or with a report to BSA's Online Reporting Form, at [www.bsa.org](#). In these cases, BSA's attorneys contacted the organizations and they cooperated with BSA and voluntarily conducted self-audits.

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