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Scottsdale conference to join investors, emerging firms

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Representatives from 13 early-stage businesses have been invited to promote their companies and possibly attract capital financing at Invest Southwest.

The annual growth capital conference, which is scheduled for Feb. 22 at the Four Seasons Resort in Scottsdale, aims to connect accredited investors with emerging growth companies needing money for research and development, production, expansion, and other activities.

A panel of investors and industry professionals selected the companies, which are based in Arizona, New Mexico and California, from 70 applicants, according to Terree Wasley, director of Arizona State University's Technopolis program and conference administrator.

To qualify, the companies must be seeking between \$250,000 and \$5 million in equity capital. The companies will make presentations to attendees, who are accredited investors from venture capital, private equity and "angel" investment groups. Angel investors provide funding to early stage companies that often have yet to begin selling a product or service.

The companies are:

- ARGO Tracker Corp. in Tucson.
- CopperKey Inc. in Gilbert.
- Cynexus Corp. in Chandler.
- FireRock Technology in Fountain Hills.
- 4Blox Inc. in Gold Canyon.
- GREAT Systems Inc. in El Mirage.
- High Throughput Genomics Inc. in Tucson.

- Holochip Corp. in Albuquerque.
- HumanBeams Inc. in Scottsdale.
- Medipacs in Tucson.
- MSDx in Tucson.
- RegeneMed in San Diego.
- Regenesis Biomedical in Scottsdale.

In addition to presenting at the conference, the companies will also receive mentoring and training from business veterans. One company will also be selected as "Best of the Best" by audience members and receive cash, business services and office equipment.

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