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Angel Capital Association opens doors to individual accredited investors seeking deal flow and best practices by offering reduced fees to attend 2014 ACA Summit

Kansas City, MO, Feb. 12, 2014 – With the face of private accredited investing rapidly evolving, the Angel Capital Association (ACA), the world's leading professional and trade association for angel investors, is offering individual accredited investors significant savings to hone deal flow and best practices. Savings include a blended membership and 2014 ACA Summit fee, which reduces annual membership costs by more than 85 percent. Individual investors who belong to accredited platforms that belong to the ACA also receive ACA membership reductions. ACA, with nearly 200 groups and 10,000 member angels, provides angels access to co-investors, professional development events, deal flow tools, resources for portfolio success, and the ability to influence public policy.

"At no time in angel investment history has it been more important for individual investors to join ACA," said David Verrill, chairman of ACA's board of directors. "With the countless new ways to invest, and more angels entering the startup market, we encourage individual investors to join other angels to help increase investment success. ACA members benefit from sharing the experience, best practices, and intellectual know-how of other sophisticated investors that enables finding, vetting and investing in the best deals."

The landscape for angel investing is changing with the proliferation of accredited crowdfunding platforms and syndicates that allow individuals to invest in new and different ways. "While angel investing can be tremendously rewarding, it is also hard work. Don't risk being left out or making unnecessary mistakes," Verrill said. "Now more than ever is the time to join experienced peers in the new world of angel investing - by joining ACA and attending the 2014 ACA Summit."

<u>ACA individual member benefits</u> include everything from invitations to member-only events to informative publications to discounts and access to insurance products and services. Individual investors who belong to accredited platforms such as <u>AngelList</u>, <u>FundersClub</u>, <u>SeedInvest</u>, and <u>DreamFunded</u>, which are ACA members, receive additional membership savings.

Individuals who join ACA prior to the March 24-26, <u>2014 ACA Summit</u> in Washington, D.C., will receive the membership rate to attend the Summit. The Summit, "*Angel Impact: Entrepreneurial and Economic Success*," is the world's largest gathering of sophisticated angel investors, and the preeminent forum for interaction and knowledge-sharing among accredited investors. Sessions include angel investing best practices, the latest trends in data in early-stage investing, new SEC regulations involving general solicitation, crowdfunding and the definition of an accredited investor, the future of angel investing, investing in different industry sectors, using crowdfunding platforms for successful syndication, and many others.

Individual investors interested in joining ACA can sign up online here, www.angelcapitalassociation.org/join-aca/individual. Operators of accredited platforms may also join ACA and attend the ACA Summit.

ACA members are required to meet Securities and Exchange Commission financial requirements for <u>accredited investor</u> status. ACA does not accept for membership entrepreneurs seeking funding and is not itself a source of funding. ACA provides information and resources for entrepreneurs at <u>www.angelcapitalassociation.org/entrepreneurs</u>.

About Angel Capital Association (ACA)

The <u>Angel Capital Association</u> is the leading professional and trade association focused on fueling the success of accredited angel investors and portfolio companies in high-growth, early-stage ventures. ACA

is the voice of the angel industry, providing comprehensive services in support of members working in angel groups, through portals and individually. ACA provides professional development, public policy advocacy and significant benefits and resources to its membership of 200 angel groups and more than 10,000 individual accredited investors. www.angelcapitalassociation.org; @ACAAngelCapital.

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