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Raleigh to Host Angel Capital Association's Southeast Regional Meeting

North Carolina Angels Groups Host September 16 – 17, Adjacent to CED Tech Venture Conference

DURHAM, NC, June 5, 2013 — The <u>Angel Capital Association</u> (ACA) has announced that the annual Southeast Regional meeting will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center in Raleigh, NC on September 16 and 17, 2013. It will be hosted by North Carolina angel investor groups <u>RTP Capital Associates</u>, <u>Triangle Angel Partners (TAP)</u>, <u>Piedmont Angel Network</u>, <u>Inception Micro Angel Fund</u>, <u>Investors' Circle</u> and <u>Wilmington Investors Network</u>, with organizational help from CED.

"This is one of the best opportunities for accredited investors interested in early stage companies to network with their peers in the Southeast," said Elaine Bolle, president of the Board of Directors, RTP Capital Associates. "The conference provides a forum to share ideas and deals, and to discuss current issues that matter to angel investors."

The meeting brings early stage investors from the Southeast closer together, promoting best practices and deal syndication. Speakers include Burr Sutter, senior product manager for Red Hat/JBoss, and Bob Okabe, managing director, RPX Group LLC, who will lead the Angel Resource Institute workshop *Trends in Raising Capital*, featuring updated industry data. Other speakers will be announced soon and <u>listed on the website</u>. On Tuesday, September 17, there will be a showcase of over 30 early stage companies. An investor-only dinner follows the second day.

"North Carolina's entrepreneurial community wins when angel investors gather in the Research Triangle," said Joan Siefert Rose, President of CED. The meeting coincides with the CED Tech Venture Conference, offering greater incentives for the investors to identify new deal flow opportunities from some of the brightest early stage companies in the region.

Registration for both the ACA Southeast Regional meeting and the CED Tech Venture Conference is \$225; attendees who cannot stay for the Tech Venture Conference will pay \$175. The highly discounted 'bundled event' fee allows investors to extend their stay and see the Triangle's hottest early stage startups.

About ACA

The <u>Angel Capital Association</u> is the leading professional and trade association supporting the success of angel investors in high-growth, early-stage ventures. More information on ACA's activities and its growing network of over 200 angel groups may be found at <u>www.angelcapitalassociation.org</u>.

About CED

CED's mission is to identify, enable and promote high-growth, high-impact companies and to accelerate the entrepreneurial culture of the Research Triangle and North Carolina.



About the Angel Groups Participating

RTP Capital Associates is a member-driven angel network giving insight, guidance, and other strategic resources while investing in seed and early-stage companies primarily in the Southeastern US.

Triangle Angel Partners (TAP) is an experienced band of angels in the high tech and life sciences industries with \$3 million in committed capital, interested in investing their time, analysis and money into early life cycle companies.

The Piedmont Angel Network has invested in 23 start-up companies (NC, VA, SC) since 2002 via three committed capital funds.

IMAF-RTP is a member managed angel seed fund that is organized to provide members an opportunity for active involvement in a diversified capital investment process.

Investors' Circle is the oldest, largest, and most successful early stage impact investing network, with \$172 million invested in enterprises solving significant social or environmental challenges.

Wilmington Investors Network (WIN) --Wilmington Investor Network is a network fund of early stage investors with investments in technology and biotechnology and partners with other angel funds and networks thru out the United States

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