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Nevada County Economic Resource Council, Golden Capital Network and Citizens Bank of Northern California Announce Plans for an Angel and Venture Capital Summit

Organizers Seek Up to Ten Local Start-Ups to Feature at Event

Grass Valley, California - October 27, 2009 - The Nevada County Economic Resource Council and Golden Capital Network, together with Citizens Bank of Northern California, announced today highlights for the inaugural 2009 "Innovation Showcase" to take place at the Association of Realtors Building, 336 Crown Point Circle, in Esterly Hall on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, starting at 5:00 P.M. The showcase will feature venture capitalists, angel investors and industry experts who will speak about raising capital and growing companies. A prime feature of the showcase will be short presentations by up to ten start-up and early-stage growth companies seeking funding. A panel of investors, CEOs and professional service providers will serve as judges and select a top local start-up as part of the event. In addition, the event will feature special guest speakers who are experts in how entrepreneurs may benefit from the federal stimulus package and in the rapidly growing cleantech industry.

Start-up and early-stage growth companies that would like to be featured at the showcase should submit an executive summary no longer than three pages via e-mail to gil@ncerc.org by Thursday, November 12, 2009. Selection of presenting companies will be notified on Friday, November 13, 2009.

The showcase is intended for anyone attempting to start or grow a business in Nevada County and is part of the ERC's effort to promote the growth of local businesses. It is also for local angel investors and successful business executives who are interested in getting involved with local high-growth potential start-up companies. Venture capitalist and angel investors will be available to provide advice to start-up business and to offer mentoring to companies on capital creation.

There is no charge to attend the Innovation Showcase. Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served, but reservations are required as seating is limited. To register or to find out more detailed information, contact the Nevada County Economic Resource Council, info@ncerc.org, or phone 530-274-8455.

About the Golden Capital Network

Golden Capital Network, formed in September 1999, is a nonprofit corporation with the mission of educating promising entrepreneurs and showcasing them to its growing network of angel, corporate and venture capital investors to facilitate quality economic growth. Since its inception, companies featured at Golden Capital Network events have gone on to raise over \$1 billion in investment capital. Golden Capital Network also facilitates the Silver and Gold Venture Club, an exclusive investor-only networking group that connects investors across western U.S. regions for deal sharing and discussion on topics of interest. Golden Capital Network has also launched a number of other innovative initiatives including the V3 Economic Accelerator Program, the Entrepreneurs Grill, the Two-Minute Drill and Accelerate It! The network is also a founding sponsor of the US Davis Big Bang Business Plan competition.

About Nevada County Economic Resource Council

The Nevada County Economic Resource Council (ERC) is a non-profit, economic development corporation. As a public/private partnership comprised of business, government, and education it represents the County's best efforts to support local job creation and economic opportunity. The Nevada County Economic Resource Council serves as a central point of contact for employers requiring assistance in business endeavors. While the ERC works on broad and overarching issues dealing with infrastructure, tax revenue generation, and the workforce, its principal focus is on how to help individual businesses prosper. See the full story at www.ncerc.org