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KTEC PIPELINE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURIAL PROGRAM

The KTEC PIPELINE fosters homegrown technology leaders in Kansas

Lenexa, Kan. (May 31, 2007) – The **KTEC PIPELINE** technology fellowship program has officially opened the application process for its 2008 class. The **KTEC PIPELINE** is the first program of its kind, designed to identify the state’s best and brightest technology entrepreneurial talent and surround them with resources, education and networks that can assist them over their entire career in Kansas. This past year was the inaugural year for the cutting-edge technology fellowship program.

“Entrepreneurs, mentors, regional powerhouse technology companies, venture capitalists and policy makers have all come out of the woodwork to show tremendous interest and support for the first, formative year of the **KTEC PIPELINE**,” said **Joni Cobb**, President, KTEC PIPELINE. “It has been very inspiring to see the technology community gel so quickly – seeing the value of the PIPELINE and applauding the level of talent and participation we have enjoyed thus far. I am very thankful for the many people who have contributed to a tremendous first year and look forward to what the 2008 class of Innovators will bring to the program.”

The **KTEC PIPELINE** was created by the **Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation’s (KTEC)** in an effort to encourage technology-based economic growth in Kansas. The program works with its Innovators to enhance the creation and growth of high impact technology business in Kansas – with a special focus on ventures designed to scale and grow into large businesses with positive impact on our Kansas economy.

“The **KTEC PIPELINE** is a very well designed program that provides tremendous benefit to the Innovators who are selected to participate. It would have been great to have this information and help when I was building my company,” said **Michael Beckloff**, KTEC PIPELINE Mentor and President, Beckloff Associates, Inc. “For me as a mentor, it’s been terrific to interact with the best and brightest in the state, exchange ideas and give back to our future business leaders in the state.”

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The **KTEC PIPELINE** seeks participants who want to work tenaciously on their venture, whether it is a start-up or an existing business. The program requires attendance at scheduled three-day seminars that occur at least four times during the year – as well as approximately five days of independent work per quarter. Each Innovator is provided a stipend of \$36,000 for the year, designed to assist in advancing ventures and providing a source of funds to pursue projects uncovered during the **KTEC PIPELINE** process.

“The **KTEC PIPELINE** program brings a team of highly qualified, knowledgeable and successful individuals to help young entrepreneurs fulfill their dreams,” said **Olga Koper**, KTEC PIPELINE Innovator and Chief Technology Officer, NanoScale Corporation. “Through the PIPELINE, I have learned invaluable lessons on marketing, competitive analysis and company growth. The assistance is priceless in providing advice and mentoring, and even more importantly, making the right connections and introductions.”

To receive additional information about the **KTEC PIPELINE**, please call [913.307.0004](tel:913.307.0004) or email us at info@ktecpipeline.com.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor’s degree.
- Currently running or contemplating a technology-oriented business.
- At least three (3) years of business or scientific management experience.
- Beginning or growing a business in Kansas.
- Ability to take feedback and integrate advice and counsel into his/her work.
- Willingness to work toward scaling/growth in his/her business.
- Ability to manage uncertainty and ambiguity and to take measured risk.
- Strong interpersonal and business communication skills.

APPLICATION

Additional information about the **KTEC PIPELINE**, a complete list of guidelines and the online application is available at www.ktecpipeline.com.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| • August 31, 2007 | Applications Due |
| • September – November, 2007 | Interviews |
| • December 2007 | Innovators Selected |
| • January 2008 | 2008 Program Begins |

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