



OLGA KOPER NAMED "INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR"

***KTEC PIPELINE Presents Surprise
Entrepreneur Leadership Award***

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Lenexa, Kan. (January 24, 2008) – This evening at its premiere awards event, the KTEC PIPELINE announced **Olga Koper, NanoScale Corporation, Manhattan, Kan.**, as the **KTEC PIPELINE "Innovator of the Year."** The "Innovator of the Year" was chosen after a competition that included a refined business plan, a pitch to an expert panel and a score carried over from performance during the technology fellowship year.

"I am thrilled to be recognized as 'Innovator of the Year'," said Olga Koper. "This recognition means even more, because I know the high level of skill of my fellow Innovators in the KTEC PIPELINE program. What a perfect way to end my year in the KTEC PIPELINE – giving me even more motivation to succeed in my business, NanoScale Corporation."

This announcement capped a full day of events and activities – which included the graduation of the KTEC PIPELINE Charter Class, the presentation of a surprise "Entrepreneur Leadership Award" and the announcement of the 2008 class.

The "Innovator of the Year" competition judges were as follows: **Lance LeMay**, Founder and Managing Partner of October Capital, LLC, Kansas City, Missouri; **Jane Martin**, General Partner for Village Ventures, Bloomington, Indiana; **Oliver Valente**, former Senior Vice President of Product Management & Development for Sprint Nextel, Overland Park, Kansas; and **Thomas Wiggans**, Advisor Strategic and Corporate Relations for Stiefel Laboratories, Palo Alto, California. Wiggans is also Chairman of the Biotechnology Institute, Washington, D.C., and previously served on the Biotechnology Industry Organization's (BIO) Board of Directors.

"It is exciting to come home to Kansas and see the tremendous support given to our technology entrepreneurs through the KTEC PIPELINE," said Tom Wiggans, Advisor Strategic and Corporate Relations, Stiefel Laboratories in Palo Alto, California. "This is exactly the type of program promising entrepreneurs need here at home to ensure they have a great chance of success in very challenging fields. I enjoyed seeing what they have accomplished in just one short year."

During the event, Joni Cobb, President of KTEC PIPELINE, and several graduating Innovators surprised Mike Beckloff, Beckloff Associates, Inc. and Rob Herrington, Horizon Analog Inc. with the "Entrepreneur Leadership Award" recognizing experienced entrepreneurs who are greatly contributing to building a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem in Kansas.

The finale of the “Innovator of the Year” event was the announcement of the 2008 Innovator class members, which are as follows: **Carlos Antequera**, Prairie Village; **Alfred Botchway**, Stillwell; **Dr. Reggie Chandra**, Lenexa; **Todd Gentry**, Winfield; **Jeff Hargroves**, Overland Park; **Andrew Hoelscher**, Bushton; **Bruce Ianni**, Overland Park; **Dr. Dan Melton**, Kansas City; and **Jan Srack**, Salina.

The 2008 KTEC PIPELINE class members are required to attend two-day formal learning sessions each quarter. The module dates and locations for 2008 are:

- Module One: February 20 – 22, Topeka
- Module Two: May 7 - 9. Kansas City
- Module Three: September 2 - 4, Wichita
- Module Four: November 12 – 14, Lawrence

“I can only imagine what a program like the KTEC PIPELINE would have meant to me if I had had this type of support building my own business,” said Dick Jarman. “I am very proud to have been a part of Olga’s year and to have worked with all of the Innovators in this tremendous program.”

For more information, please visit the “Innovator of the Year” press kit:

<http://www.ktecpipeline.com/media/section/iotypresskit.html>

ABOUT THE KTEC PIPELINE

The KTEC Pipeline is a first of its kind program in the United States created by the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC) in an effort to encourage technology-based economic growth in Kansas. The program works with the participants 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 the Kansas economy. The KTEC PIPELINE is developing the leaders for the Kansas Innovation Economy.

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