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KTEC PIPELINE EXTENDS APPLICATION DEADLINE; SETS EARLY CONSIDERATION DATE

Lenexa, Kan. (July 26, 2007) – To recognize the importance of the Kansas Day of Innovation in Wichita, Kan. on September 6 and the attention that Kansas' innovative programs will receive during this day, the **KTEC PIPELINE** Entrepreneurial Fellowship program has extended its application deadline for its 2008 class of Innovators until September 10, 2007. The extended deadline will capture any entrepreneurs who may still learn about the program during the statewide day of innovation. Applications are available online at www.ktecpipeline.com.

The KTEC PIPELINE has announced that early consideration will be given to candidates who apply by August 10, 2007. The **KTEC PIPELINE** is designed to identify the state's best and brightest technology entrepreneurial talent and surround them with the resources, education and networks and that can assist them over their entire career in Kansas.

"The **KTEC PIPELINE** is a very well thought out 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 starting 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."

The **KTEC PIPELINE** is a first of its kind program in the United States created by the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation's (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 our Kansas economy.

Each Innovator is provided a stipend of \$36,000 for the year. These funds are designed to assist in advancing ventures, subsidizing time spent away at modules and providing a source of funds to pursue projects and research 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 Vice President, 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 guidance, and even more importantly, making connections and introductions."

To receive additional information about the **KTEC PIPELINE**, please call 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.

ABOUT THE KANSAS DAY OF INNOVATION

Kansas technology, bioscience and capital leaders have announced the Kansas Day of Innovation on September 6, 2007 at the Wichita Marriott in Wichita, Kan. This daylong event is designed to celebrate the state's commitment to innovation. For general information, please call 785.296.3363.

ABOUT THE KTEC PIPELINE

The KTEC PIPELINE is an innovative program, designed to identify talented and entrepreneurial Kansans, match them with best-in-class training, resources and mentors and encourage them to pursue a career as a technology entrepreneur in Kansas. Learn more at: www.ktecpipeline.com.

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