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### ANGEL NETWORK PROGRAM FUNDS NINTH ANGEL GROUP: ANGEL ONE NETWORK PUTS HAMILTON AND HALTON REGION ANGELS ON THE MAP

**Toronto, Canada – March 20, 2012** – Network of Angel Organizations – Ontario is proud to announce its support of Angel One Investor Network (Angel One), a member-based not-for-profit organization for accredited investors who live, work or have strong interests in Oakville, Burlington, Hamilton and the surrounding areas.

The group was launched September 2, 2011, and is now officially funded by the Angel Network Program. “The introduction of a formal Angel organization in the region is expanding the investing breadth and depth of the local investors. The other beneficiaries are the regional economic authorities, who want to create jobs and prosperity; and the business owners, who want to grow their businesses,” says Karen Grant, Angel One’s executive director.

Karen Grant is a serial entrepreneur and active investor. She has extensive experience in Angel investing and in Ontario’s innovation system. Under her management, Angel One hit the ground running. To date Angel One comprises over 30 members, who have independently invested over \$1.5 million into three companies so far, and are in due diligence with a fourth company.

#### ABOUT ANGEL ONE

The Angel One Investor Network (Angel One) is a members-only, not-for-profit organization for accredited investors who live, work or have strong interests in Oakville, Burlington, Hamilton and surrounding areas. The organization provides Angel investors with opportunities to increase their exposure to quality pre-screened companies seeking capital. Angel One is an Angel Network Program funded Angel group.

#### ABOUT THE NETWORK OF ANGEL ORGANIZATIONS – ONTARIO

NAO - Ontario, a member of the Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs, (“ONE”) is the Administrator of Ontario's Angel Network Program, on behalf of the Government of Ontario. Since 2007, its mission has been to create and grow non-profit Angel investor groups for all the regions of Ontario. Building the membership and best practices of these groups builds a more potent combination of mentorship and capital for innovative start-up ventures in the province. Angels are accredited investors who directly contribute both their money and their expertise into early-stage companies seeking growth in Ontario, leading to job creation and an expanding economy. For more information, visit [www.nao-ontario.ca](http://www.nao-ontario.ca).

#### ABOUT THE ONTARIO NETWORK OF ENTREPRENEURS

Funded by the Government of Ontario, the Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs (“ONE”) is designed to help Ontario-based entrepreneurs grow their companies and create jobs. For more information, visit [www.onebusiness.ca](http://www.onebusiness.ca).

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