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CALL FOR COMPANIES: FOR A PITCHING OPPORTUNITY AT ONTARIO'S FOLLOW-ON INVESTMENT FORUM

Toronto, Canada – April 7, 2014 – Network of Angel Organizations – Ontario (NAO-Ontario) is now accepting applications from companies with previous rounds of investment for an opportunity to pitch at Ontario's Follow-On Investment Forum on Monday, May 26th in Toronto. Selected companies will have the opportunity to meet private investors willing to bring companies to the next level.

Companies must be innovative, Ontario-based, meet the criteria and submit through Gust by 5:00 pm Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014.

CRITERIA INCLUDE:

- An invested Angel must introduce the company in person
- A minimum of \$250,000 has previously been invested by one or more Angel investors

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Ontario's community of innovation investment will convene at the Follow-On Investment Forum, showcasing how Angels' passion and capital are indispensable catalysts of economic growth. Attendees will see early-stage companies on the cusp of global growth, learn about current trends and issues, and network among like-minded investors.

"By investing in entrepreneurs, Angel investors make an invaluable contribution to job creation throughout the province. Although the government does provide some assistance, entrepreneurs still depend on the private sector to provide financing, contacts and mentorship to grow their companies. The Follow-On Investment Forum will celebrate our network's economic impact, and provide entrepreneurs crucial access to growth capital from a province-wide audience of early-stage investors," said Dr. Patricia Lorenz, Chair of the Network of Angel Organizations – Ontario (NAO-Ontario).

In 2007, the Government of Ontario started funding the Angel Network Program in order to address the investment gap faced by early-stage technology companies in the province. Now that these efforts have borne fruit, companies are ascending to a new level of opportunity and need. For this reason, NAO-Ontario organizes an annual event presenting follow-on investment opportunities brought forward by Angel groups and members of the Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs.

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.

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.

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