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KTEC PIPELINE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR STATEWIDE TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURIAL FELLOWSHIP

*Nation's Premier Statewide Technology Entrepreneur Fellowship Supporting High Growth
Entrepreneurs During Critical Economic Downturn*

Lenexa, KS (August 11, 2009) – The KTEC PIPELINE technology entrepreneur fellowship has announced **August 17, 2009** as the opening date to apply for the 2010 class. The KTEC PIPELINE is the nation's premier state-sponsored technology entrepreneur fellowship program. The PIPELINE is designed to identify high potential technology entrepreneurs, match them with best-in-class training, resources and mentors and facilitate their dynamic growth in Kansas.

For its fourth class since inception of the program, PIPELINE seeks technology entrepreneurs who are prepared 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. PIPELINE defines technology entrepreneurs broadly, encouraging individuals working within a wide range of opportunities, such as software and IT, biosciences, robotics, aviation, advanced manufacturing, and clean technology.

"PIPELINE entrepreneurs are both navigating and growing in a very challenging economy," said **Joni Cobb, President, KTEC PIPELINE**. "We work constantly to bring in the mentors, experts, and investors from around the region – and the nation – to work with our Innovators. Frankly this process, and the connection with their peers, gives our entrepreneurs a big leg up. We are extremely excited to see who will next join the ranks of this growing, tenacious and impressive group."

"I have worked with entrepreneurs all over the world and clearly the PIPELINE program is providing one of the most comprehensive, intensive and interactive models I've seen in my career," said **Joe Hadzima, Former Chair of the MIT Global Enterprise Forum and Managing Director of Main Street Partners, Boston**. "PIPELINE is well on its way to developing a core entrepreneurial ecosystem in Kansas and that is a big, big deal."



"As an entrepreneur, I am extremely selective about where I spend my limited time - and this is an enormously valuable use of that time," said **Toby Rush, CEO of Rush Tracking Systems.**

"PIPELINE has had a direct and dramatic impact on our growth and I encourage any technology entrepreneur out there to take advantage of this program and its potential to help you grow."

"PIPELINE gave me the tools, resources and confidence to make this major growth move to acquire Bayer's Toxicology division, increasing our revenue, employees and our plans for future growth," said **Alfred Botchway, Founder and President, Xenometrics LLC, Stillwell, Kansas.** "PIPELINE's impact cannot be underestimated."

To receive additional information about the KTEC PIPELINE, please call 913.307.0004 or email your inquiry to applications@ktecpipeline.com.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

Favorable candidates will likely have the following characteristics:

- Bachelor's degree.
- Currently running or initiating a technology-oriented business in Kansas.
- At least three (3) years of business or scientific management experience.
- 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 19	Deadline for Applications
November 4-5	First Round Interviews
December 8-9	Final Round Interviews
December 2009	Selection Process
January 2010	2010 Program Begins

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