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Invest Southwest Conference Attracts National Investors

Tempe, Arizona – Investors from across the country joined together to kick off the Invest Southwest Conference (formerly the Arizona Venture Capital Conference then the Arizona Angel Investment Conference) – the premier capital conference of Arizona and the Southwest – which was held at the Four Seasons Resort, Troon at North Scottsdale.

This year's conference, sponsored by The Miller Group, included 258 participants, including more than 80 investors, and featured 13 company presentations. Investment firms represented at the conference included Arizona Angels (AZ), Battery Ventures (CA), Brookstone Partners (NY), Desert Angels (AZ), Dow Chemical (MI), Flywheel Ventures (NM), Grayhawk Venture Partners (AZ), Horizon Ventures (CA), Inglewood Ventures (CA), Integra Ventures (WA), Kennet Partners (CA), New Mexico Angels (NM), Rational Equity (MN), Seritiam Ventures (Calgary), Solstice Capital (AZ), SomeMoreOf (MI), Square I Bank (CA), The Miller Group (AZ), UV Partners (UT), Valley Ventures (AZ), and Wasatch Venture Funds (NM).

Chris Traylor of Flywheel Ventures said, "The Invest Southwest Conference performs an important service for the Arizona entrepreneurial and investment communities; in particular, by showcasing the quality of life Arizona has to offer through a beautiful venue, as well as efficiently joining pockets of technology excellence with potential funding sources. I was struck both by the quality of the presenting companies as well as by the network value of the audience. I could not have asked for a better event to highlight our most recent Arizona investment."

Tom Curzon of Osborn Maledon, outgoing Chairman of the Conference, observed, "We could not be more pleased with the reception our event received, and particularly with the successful focus of the Conference on connecting early stage investors with the best opportunities in the Southwest." Planning is already proceeding for the next Invest Southwest Conference, tentatively scheduled for early December 2007, under the leadership of Richard Staggs of Snell & Wilmer, incoming chair.

General inquiries should be directed to the conference administrator, ASU Technopolis, at 480-727-9010. Investor registration information, additional conference details, and information on the 13 presenting companies can be found at www.InvestSouthwest.org.

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About Invest Southwest

Invest Southwest is the region's premier growth-capital conference. For over 15 years, Invest Southwest (including its predecessors, Arizona Venture Capital Conference and Arizona Angel Investment Conference) has long been the best way for investors to connect with the Southwest's most promising ventures. Visit www.investsouthwest.org for more information.

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