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VenturePitch Deadline Nears

The deadline to submit an application for 2018 VenturePitch SWFL and up to \$50,000 in equity investment is Feb. 15.

BABCOCK RANCH, Fla. (Jan. 8, 2018) — Entrepreneurs seeking capital must submit a plan by Feb. 15 for the opportunity to pitch their young companies at 2018 VenturePitch SWFL and compete in a Shark Tank-style event in April.

For the first time, VenturePitch SWFL will be held at Babcock Ranch, the new solar-powered town in Charlotte County, on April 12 from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Entrepreneurs have until Feb. 15 to submit their plan online at www.tamiami-e.co to be selected among the four pitching companies.

“Thanks to generous sponsors such as Suncoast Media Group, VenturePitch SWFL will include up to \$25,000 in equity investments for each of the top two winners,” says Timothy Cartwright, general partner of Naples-based Adrenaline Venture Fund, which will make the investment.

DeAngelis Diamond, FPL, Hahn Loeser, The Hatchery at Babcock Ranch, Institute for Entrepreneurship at Florida Gulf Coast University, Social Connect, Venture X, Tamiami Angel Funds and Adrenaline Venture Fund are among the sponsors. Additional sponsorships are available for this high-profile event. For more information, visit www.tamiami-e.co/venturepitch.html.

SCORE will serve as the screening committee and select the 10 semi-finalists to pitch from Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades, Lee and Sarasota counties. SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. Fusion Pointe will interview the 10 semi-finalists to determine the final four who will be invited to pitch at the April 12 event.

To be considered, companies must be in the pre-revenue stage or within the first few months of producing revenues; must be in business less than two years; have a scalable business model; and have not already raised more than \$1 million. For more information and to submit a plan, visit the Tamiami e.co website www.tamiami-e.co.

To assist entrepreneurs in preparing their pitches, SCORE is offering seminars that provide insight into angel investing, the criteria for VenturePitch SWFL and the kinds of equity investment structures angel investors prefer. For more information on the seminars, visit <https://portcharlotte.score.org/> and click on “Helping Entrepreneurs Prepare for a VenturePitch Event.”

The VenturePitch SWFL series is part of the Tamiami Angel Funds' e.co initiative to build a strong entrepreneurial ecosystem from Sarasota to Naples. Modeled after the popular Shark Tank television show, entrepreneurs make a brief pitch to seasoned investors on stage in front of an audience.

Tamiami Angel Funds consist of three member-managed funds that allow high-net-worth individuals and families to invest in promising early stage and expansion-stage companies located in the U.S., with a preference for those in the state of Florida. Adrenaline Venture Fund launched in August 2016 with the goal of bridging a startup from idea to minimal viable product and a chance to secure a Series A investment. This fund targets seed and early stage companies that exhibit extraordinary potential for commercial success.

“Babcock Ranch is the ideal host for VenturePitch SWFL because of its leading-edge focus on clean energy, multi-modal mobility and entrepreneurial incubation,” says Cartwright. “We are excited to make this event a draw for the entire Southwest Florida region.”

About Tamiami Angel Funds

Tamiami Angel Fund I, Tamiami Angel Fund II, and Tamiami Angel Fund III are member-managed funds that allow high-net-worth individuals and families to invest in promising early stage and expansion-stage companies located in the U.S., with a preference to those in the state of Florida. The funds are members of the Angel Capital Association and the Florida Venture Forum. For more information, visit www.tamiamiangels.com.

About Adrenaline Venture Fund I, LLC

Adrenaline Venture Fund I was created to enable high-net-worth individuals and family offices to invest in a portfolio of promising seed and early stage companies located in the U.S. and particularly in South Florida. The fund sources high-quality investment opportunities and allows its limited partners to mentor portfolio companies to improve the potential for profitable return on the fund's invested capital. For additional information visit www.adrenalinefund.com.