



Great Lakes Entrepreneur's Quest Business Plan Competition Winners Announced

Ann Arbor, Mich., June 8, 2006 – The Great Lakes Entrepreneur's Quest (GLEQ) business plan competition culminated its spring program with six companies pitching to a panel of four judges from the Michigan Venture Capital Association in the Grand Prize Ceremony last night at the Michigan Union at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The panel of venture capital judges included Mina Sooch, Apjohn Ventures; Pete Farner, TGAP Ventures; Darrin Eaton, Oracle Capital Partners; and Tom Porter, EDF Ventures. The venue was highlighted with a keynote address by the Founder and Chairman Emeritus of The Bartech Group, Inc., John Barfield. A special recognition award to the Ann and Carman Adams Fund for the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan was delivered by Judy Johncox, Director for Venture Development at Wayne State University and GLEQ board member.

All teams participated in the full GLEQ program of educational training and networking events, one-on-one coaching with industry experts, and received written feedback on their business plans from investment experts.

The winning Emerging Company teams were:

- **Grand Prize** - \$25,000 cash and in-kind services:
 - **Rapid BioSense – John Cunningham** - Designs and markets a rapid biosensor able to detect bacteria and viruses in a liquid sample.
- **Runner-up** - \$5,000 cash and in-kind services:
 - **Space Weather Forecasting - Joshua Botkin** - Technology developed at the University of Michigan to help clients protect their high-value assets from the destructive and costly effects of solar storms and other forms of space weather.
- **Automation Alley Innovation Award** - \$12,500 investment and in-kind services
 - **Check the Crib – Oliver Baer** – An industrial spare parts solution improving MRO processing for manufacturers and their suppliers.
- **NextE2nergy Innovation Award** - \$12,500 investment and in-kind services
 - **EnVironmental Transportation Solutions – Richard Marks** - EcoV Electric, an electric vehicle.

Additionally, winners in the early-stage New Business Idea category were:

- **1st Place** - \$5,000 cash and in-kind services
 - **Blizzard Boost - Mervyn Carse** - Next-generation all electric hybrid intercooler/supercharger
- **Runner-up** - \$1,000 cash **THREE-WAY TIE!**
 - **Blaze - Michael Tarasev** - Develop and market blood analysis

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Governor Granholm shows the fuel cell technology Adaptive Materials, Inc. (AMI) is developing for portable military applications. The highlighted the need for entrepreneurs like Aaron Michelle Crumm, founder and who were the 2003 GLEQ's business competition

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devices.

- o **Intelligun - Yishai Mendelsohn** - Design and sell a patented safety system for firearms.
- o **Eventrue - Charles Du** - Coupon-on-paper-system online.

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About the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan



The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, founded in 1984, is a permanent community endowment built by

gifts from hundreds of individuals and organizations committed to the future of southeast Michigan. The Foundation works to improve the quality of life in southeast Michigan by supporting a wide variety of activities benefiting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development and civic affairs.

Governed by a board of 42 community leaders, the Foundation makes grants to outstanding charitable projects in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair, Livingston and Washtenaw counties. The Foundation has assets of \$400 million and, since its inception, has distributed more than \$199 million in 22,068 grants to nonprofit organizations. The Foundation website is www.cfsem.org.

The Great Lakes Entrepreneur's Quest offers statewide education, training and real-world experience for anyone who has a [new business idea](#) or an [emerging company](#). Anyone who lives, works or attends school in Michigan can make the Quest. Those who do can access expert training, networking, coaching and capital to transform a business idea into a company. There aren't a lot of rules, just opportunities.

It's dynamic. It's educational. It's a competition. It's a process.

Make the Quest and you'll create a product: a reality-based business plan that can serve as the foundation for starting or growing a company.

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Qualified entrepreneurs and their teams can participate in the business plan competition, attend training and networking sessions and receive start-up coaching from industry professionals. Top ranking teams additionally receive visibility with the investment community, and can win both cash and in-kind awards with legal, accounting and marketing firms. GLEQ winners will be provided a unique opportunity to consult with experts from their industry on the commercialization of their product.

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