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## **NWIRC to Host Angel Investment Fund Bootcamp for Entrepreneurs**

October 21 workshop will prep start-up companies for investments

Start-up companies in Northwest Washington are invited to apply for a free Bootcamp to be held on October 21 at Everett Community College's AMTEC center. The Bootcamp is sponsored by BECU and hosted by the NW Innovation Resource Center (NWIRC) to provide customized mentorship in developing proposals for Angel investment funding.

Many entrepreneurs seeking outside capital investment for the first time are unfamiliar with the process. For many companies, bringing in outside investors is critical for both the capital but also the effective assistance with critical decisions which impact their business for years to come. Despite the overwhelming importance of this step, making the time to complete the necessary and expected materials, preparing for the presentations, identifying the appropriate potential investors and then setting up meetings with those investors, can be next to impossible while simultaneously dealing with the day to day issues of a new and growing business.

"Sandwiched between two cities known for support of entrepreneurs, Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. the strength of innovation in the northwest counties of our state is often overlooked. We look forward to assisting our regional startup businesses in securing the investments they need to succeed" said Diane Kamionka, NWIRC Executive Director.

"BECU applauds the NWIRC for partnering with local investors to bring resources and funding to start-up businesses from Everett to Bellingham, a part of our region where entrepreneurs are underserved. This event will have a long-term positive impact—strong businesses make for stronger communities," said Rachel Van Noord, BECU's director of community outreach.

The Bootcamp will bring together start-ups ready to start the process of seeking new capital investment, investors active in early-stage companies, mentors and other experienced participants who can assist the entrepreneurs as they get prepared to seek new capital and partners for their businesses. Teams will be paired with qualified mentors prior to the Bootcamp and will receive mentoring throughout the day.

Established start-ups companies in Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island, or San Juan counties are eligible to apply. Applications are due by **Friday, September 22** and application materials can be found on the NWIRC website at <http://nwirc.com/boot-camp/>.

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NW Innovation Resource Center is a nonprofit organization, founded in 2011. Located in Bellingham, Washington, the NWIRC works in the five counties of NW Washington to help entrepreneurs, inventors and innovators build strategies for success. The NWIRC also has an extensive network of community partners and mentors as part of their unique Just-In-Time Mentorship™ Method. For more information please visit <http://nwirc.com/> or call 360-255-7870.