



FIU's Americas Venture Capital Conference seeks innovative companies ready to grow

Innovative companies doing business in Latin America and South Florida have until August 15 to earn a golden opportunity at the Americas Venture Capital Conference. The selected companies will be invited to present directly to venture capital firms looking to develop strategic alliances.

"Our presenting companies will have an extraordinary opportunity. For many of them this will be a game-changer," said Conference Chair Irma Becerra-Fernandez, director of the Eugenio Pino and Family Global Entrepreneurship Center at FIU. "The Latin-American focus is a first for an American venture capital conference and Miami is the ideal place to bring the parties together."

Eligible companies must have strong management teams and proven business models with positive gross margins and a minimum of \$2 million (USD) in revenues. They must maintain headquarters in Latin America/Caribbean or South Florida, and conduct primary business in the region.

Companies interested in presenting at the conference are asked to create a profile in the Global Innovative Ventures Knowledge Base by Aug. 15, 2010. The selected companies will be given the opportunity to have a table-top display and make a 15-minute presentation to investors during the conference, scheduled for Nov. 17 and 18, 2010 in Miami.

Companies from the following industries will be given highest consideration:

- Agriculture and water quality
- Biotechnology · Pharmaceutical and health
- Consumer products
- Energy and green technologies
- Entertainment
- Information, communication and web technologies
- Metals and mining