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**Invest Southwest Capital Conference Gears up for 2008; Invites Potential Presenters to  
“Get Ready Seminars”**

**(Phoenix, Ariz. – June 25, 2008)** – Invest Southwest, the premier capital conference in Arizona and the Southwest, launches a series of “Get Ready Seminars” for companies aiming to present at this year’s conference. Every year, hundreds of emerging companies in Arizona and across the Southwest compete to be one of the few chosen to present at the exclusive annual conference every December. This year, Invest Southwest is helping them better understand the submission process with these free events in Phoenix and Tucson.

“Every year we see more and more strong ventures that wish to be a part of Invest Southwest, but they don’t always know what to expect or how to prepare,” said Dave Bittner, chairman of Invest Southwest. “These Get Ready seminars will not only help interested companies prepare to submit for the conference, they’ll also offer great advice on seeking funding.”

**Tucson Get Ready Seminar**

**When:** Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 – 10:00 am

**Where:** Pima Community Colleges – SBDC  
401 N. Bonita Ave. Room A109  
Tucson, AZ 85709

**Phoenix Get Ready Seminar**

**When:** Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 – 10:00 am

**Where:** ASU SkySong  
1475 N. Scottsdale Rd. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Seminar attendees will learn what investors are looking for in a presentation, and how to prepare a their application in a way that sells their company. Registration for the free seminars can be found at [www.asutechnopolis.org](http://www.asutechnopolis.org).

**About the Invest Southwest Capital Conference**

Invest Southwest has been connecting entrepreneurs and investors in Arizona and the Southwest for over 15 years. Companies that have launched at past Invest Southwest conferences include Ventana Medical, Flypaper, NetPro, Vivid Semiconductor, and AutoXray. The application submission process will open up July 8 and go through Sept. 19. Companies submitting to present seek between \$250,000 and \$5MM in capital. For more information visit [www.investsouthwest.org](http://www.investsouthwest.org).