

# Global Entrepreneurship Week Princeton University

# "Funding the Future: Securing Early Stage Capital"

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# Different Business Objectives Require Different Types of Capital:

#### **Fame/Fortune**

How committed are you to being an entrepreneur?

#### **Ownership**

How much ownership do you need?

#### Governance

Are you willing to share governance with outsiders?

### Leadership

What are your strengths/weaknesses as a business leader?

### **Transparency**

How much transparency are you willing to provide to investors?

#### **Cash Flow**

When your business begins to throw off cash, what will you do with the cash?

### Income

How much salary do you require?



Reference: Warren Haber, Manager Partner, Crossbar Capital (10/2/2008)

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**Government to the Rescue?** 

### **Federal Government**

 National Institute of Health Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts for medical research and research-related activities

 Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR)

Competitive, three-phase program that encourages R&D and High-Tech innovation.

-Phase I: Up to \$100,000

-Phase II: Up to \$750,000 for as many as 2 years

-Phase III: Innovation moves from the lab to the marketplace (no SBIR funds)

# State Government - New Jersey

NJ Commission on Science
 & Technology
 Grants, Fellowships, Incubator Support

 NJ Economic Development Authority

Facilities, Tax Incentives, Subordinated Convertible Debt with Warrants





# **Angels**

# Who Are They? Where are They?

- Founders, Friends, Family and Fools
- Angels All Different Kinds
  - Passive Money Only
  - Value Added Operational and/or Entrepreneurial Experience
  - Ideal

Money, Time and Talent



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**Angel Groups** 





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# Arch*angels* The Hidden Financing Sources



Service Providers *i.e. accountant, attorney* 

Vendors

# Employees/Advisors







### Investment Structure Different Groups- Different Security Structure

#### **Grants & Incentives**

Free Money

#### **Senior Debt**

Senior in the capital structure, often require cash flow and generally have interest payment required or accrued.

Sub Debt

Lenders have subordinate status in relationship to the normal debt.

#### **Convertible Debt**

Sits in between Debt and Preferred equity and is oftentimes convertible upon a specific event

### **Preferred Equity**

Sandwiched between Debt and Common Stock, oftentimes has a number of features and protections associated with institutional capital – general features include Board rights, anti-dilution provisions and information rights.

### **Common Equity**

Most junior capital which oftentimes is the first capital but lacks features of Preferred Equity - generally used for management and employees.







# **Tools to Prepare for Funding Request**

## Do Your Homework!!!!

# Four Basic Documents Should be Prepared

- Executive Summary
  - No more than two pages
  - Be sure to include contact information often missed email, phone and address
  - Answer key questions: What is unique about your business? Is there a market/customer pull? How and when will you make money? Successes to date?
- Business Plan (Dr. Cook's Presentation)
- Pitch Deck
- Financial Model







# **Pitch Deck**

<b>1. Vision</b> What are you trying to do and why are you doing it?	<b>6. Deals</b> What are you major partnerships, relationships, etc.?
<b>2. Market</b> What is the market you are addressing and the estimated value of this market over the next five to ten years?	<b>7. Differentiation</b> How are you different from your three main competitors? Include a simple SWOT chart.
<b>3. Team</b> Who are the key three to five executives (vision, operations, tech, sales, marketing) and what are their specific qualifications?	<b>8. Stats</b> What are the basic stats of your company (last round and valuation – if any), employees, location?
<b>4. Offering</b> What is your exact offering? If possible, include a three to five minute demo.	<b>9. Financials</b> High level projected P&L for next two years, plus historical.
<b>5. Roadmap</b> Where are you in your offering release cycle and with respect to getting traction?	<b>10. Capital</b> How much are you raising and what is its use?



Reference: The Funded, "Mr. Smith" (posted 10/27/2008)



# **Financial Model**

- Should be built from the bottom up
- Include all assumptions
- Include historical year to date actuals and project forward
- Include Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Cash Flow
- Provide monthly financials for first two years at a minimum
- Be very clear on capital needs and time to break even
- Make assumptions and stick to them don't make excuses
- Keep model current





# **Surround Yourself With Great Stakeholders**



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# **Investors Are** *Always* **Doing Due Diligence**

- Six Degrees of Separation
- Elevator and Restaurant Meeting
- Are you following up?
- Have you done your homework?
  - Know investors interest and terms
  - Is this the right match?
  - Is there a "matchmaker"?







Q & A

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