

Startups to seek angel investors at Wichita conference

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Thirteen Kansas startups will have some time in the spotlight next month as they present their business plans to potential angel investors.

Wichita's Hutterer Engineering and 12 other businesses are set to present Sept. 15 at the eighth annual [Great Plains Capital Conference](#).

Presenting companies, mostly in the technology and health fields, are seeking venture capital from several hundred thousand dollars to \$5 million each.

Hutterer, Wichita's only entrant, has developed a fuel-efficient aircraft design and is working on a prototype program. **Joe Hutterer** says he's not ready to talk about the concept in further detail.

Most of the other companies presenting at the conference are from the northeastern part of the state. They include:

- AirMass LLC, Lenexa
- Accuhealth Partners, Olathe
- Aratana Therapeutics Inc., Kansas City, Kan.
- AudioAnywhere, Lawrence
- Five and Fifty, Overland Park
- Green Dot Holdings LLC, Cottonwood Falls
- iCode, Overland Park
- KC BioMedix Inc., Shawnee
- Lead Horse Technologies Inc., Junction City
- SkillSniper, Olathe
- SmartPharm, Prairie Village
- Spinal Simplicity LLC, Overland Park

Bruce Goodwin, director of venture services for the Wichita Technology Corp., which is behind the conference, says presenting companies apply and are chosen by panels of startup experts.

“The panels gauge their preparedness and readiness to have investment in their business,” Goodwin said.

The presenters will have a chance to share their plans with some Wichita-area investors, along with investors from elsewhere in Kansas and surrounding states.

The conference also will include remarks by Kansas Secretary of Commerce **Pat George**, Indie Ventures partner **Joe Poletto**, and Wichita entrepreneur and investor **Jack DeBoer**.

The event will be held from 12:15 to 7 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Wichita Marriott. Registration information is available [here](#).