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Three Local Investors Chosen to Lead Investor Panel for January 24, 2025 Accelerate Breakfast

Fairfax, VA – The Accelerate Breakfast Series leadership today announced the selection of the three investors to participate in the first Accelerate Breakfast of the new year on January 24, 2025. This dynamic investor event will take place at the MITRE campus, in McLean, Virginia from 7:30 to 10:00 AM.

The investor panel will include **Kim Nguyen**, Blu Ventures; **Elizabeth Cho-Fertikh**, MEDA Ventures; and **Wes Blackwell**, Booz Allen Ventures. After hearing each company's pitch presentation, the panel members will engage in detailed questioning about business models, market strategy, financials, and growth plans. Drawing from their extensive experience, they will provide constructive feedback and share expert insights.

Accelerate aims to provide a platform for emerging tech companies to showcase their groundbreaking ideas and connect with potential investors, partners, and mentors. The selected companies represent a range of sectors, from biomolecular imaging to cybersecurity, and have demonstrated potential for growth and impact in their respective industries.

The five high-tech companies selected for the Accelerate event are:

[**Electro Tempo**](#) is a software company focused on revolutionizing electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure planning and deployment. Their core product is an advanced analytics and simulation suite that helps businesses understand and predict EV charging demand by integrating complex data sets including travel patterns, grid assets, land use, demographics, and emissions.

[**Evizia**](#) is a life science tools company that has developed PRECYSE, an innovative direct biomolecule imaging and analysis platform leveraging high-speed atomic force microscopy (AFM) technology. The platform offers a solution that requires less sample material, provides higher sensitivity, and reduces process complexity. PRECYSE eliminates indirect measurements, reducing costs, and potentially expanding into future clinical applications.

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Slip Signal is a cutting-edge technology company that has developed Spectrally Efficient Digital Logic (SEDL), a revolutionary approach to reducing electromagnetic interference (EMI) in electronic circuits. Unlike traditional EMI mitigation methods that rely on filtering and shielding, SEDL provides a native solution by creating digital logic families with low electromagnetic emissions. By eliminating the need for external EMI mitigation, SEDL can help electronic devices become smaller, lighter, and more performant.

Thyme is an AI-driven platform designed to transform the workflow of financial advisors by automating time-consuming tasks and enhancing operational efficiency. The company offers a comprehensive solution that dramatically reduces meeting overhead, accelerates document insights, and streamlines client onboarding. Thyme empowers financial professionals to save time and be more productive and was recently part of a Y Combinator cohort.

Qwerx is a cybersecurity startup that offers a revolutionary approach to endpoint authentication through its Enterprise Secure Perimeter software. The company addresses the critical vulnerabilities of traditional machine identity authentication by eliminating static digital credentials. Their SaaS solution enables continuous device verification, preventing unauthorized network access and scaling to millions of endpoints, including IoT devices.

In addition to the presenting companies, two start-ups were chosen to exhibit: **Saltenna**, focused on wireless communications in defense tech, and **UpBrains AI**, an AI supply chain company.

"We are confident that the Accelerate event on January 24th will foster meaningful connections and spark exciting opportunities for these innovative companies and insightful feedback from this terrific investor panel announced today," added Dave Harvey, Executive Director of the series.

In addition, President Gregory Washington of George Mason University will be a featured guest speaker, describing the university's role as a catalyst for research leading to business growth and economic development in the region.

For more information about the Accelerate Breakfast Series and to register to attend, please visit: <https://acceleratedeals.org/accelerate-breakfast-series/>. Attendance is limited and subject to security restrictions.

About Accelerate Breakfast Series:

The Accelerate Breakfast Series unites entrepreneurs and investors offering a curated platform for pitch opportunities and expert guidance. Each event will highlight five selected high-growth



companies, providing them with a platform to showcase their ventures to a consortium of early-stage investors. During these presentations, companies emphasize crucial aspects of their business models, growth trajectories, and distinctive value propositions. Participating companies are expected to actively seek seed-stage capital within the range of \$500,000 to \$2 million.

About Mason Enterprise:

Mason Enterprise™ is the host to federal, state, and local programs that support a portfolio of more than 30,000 start-ups and small businesses. Last year our companies received over \$3.7 Billion in follow-on funding, and more than 40,000 entrepreneurs, small business owners, students, and research faculty attended our 900+ workshops and educational programs, received individual counseling, were assisted with product development, resided in one of our five incubators, or received intellectual property advice. 62% were women, 42% minority, and 16% veteran-owned businesses.

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