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Five Innovative Companies and Investor Panel Selected for the April 11, 2025 Accelerate Breakfast Series Event

FAIRFAX, VA (March 28, 2025) – The Accelerate Breakfast Series is thrilled to announce the five companies selected to present and pitch, as well as the participants who will sit on the investor panel for the upcoming event on April 11, 2025. Selections were highly competitive with more than 100 applicants this round. These five selected companies demonstrated exceptional innovation and potential, earning the opportunity to showcase their ventures to an audience of 100+ early-stage investors and business leaders.

The Accelerate Breakfast Series events are renowned for being well-attended by a diverse group of professionals, including investors, government officials, private sector leaders, founders, and local technology leaders. This diverse attendance provides a rich environment for networking and collaboration, further enhancing the value for the presenting companies, and attendees.

The five selected companies are:

1. [FraudOptics](#): founded by former FBI/DOJ experts, FraudOptics delivers a crucial risk intelligence platform to combat illicit cryptocurrency activity. By uniquely combining blockchain data with open-source insights, FraudOptics empowers financial institutions, law firms, and government agencies, to proactively prevent fraud, money laundering, and terrorist financing, thus ensuring regulatory compliance and security.
2. [Kubanda Cryotherapy, Inc.](#) is disrupting the \$4B veterinary tumor market with carbon dioxide-based cryotherapy—the first affordable, minimally invasive treatment capable of treating large tumors. The technology was developed by the company's team of cryobiologists and biomedical engineers and has been launched in clinics across North America to help vets save time, delegate treatments to techs, reduce costs for pet owners, and boost clinic ROI.
3. [NOVI](#) is revolutionizing space computing with on-board edge-processing and AI-powered satellites. After securing \$8M+ in U.S. DOD-backed missions, NOVI is expanding into the commercial Earth Observation market. Unlike traditional satellite operators, NOVI's cost-effective, multi-sensor satellites analyze data in orbit to generate low-cost and low-latency intelligence, reducing costs and delays. With proven satellite assets in orbit launches and upcoming missions, NOVI is set for major growth in defense, AI infrastructure, and commercial Earth intelligence.
4. [Scout Space](#) is redefining space intelligence with cutting-edge autonomy and on-orbit sensor deployments, enabling real-time decision-making for defense and commercial satellites. Their AI-driven software and high-performance sensors enhance space security, mitigate operational risks, and reduce human reliance and latency. With deep U.S. Space

Force partnerships, Scout Space stands at the forefront of next-generation Space Domain Awareness and autonomy in Low Earth Orbit and beyond.

5. [Spectroh](#)m is revolutionizing internal imaging with high-speed, automated inspection. Current systems check only 3% of packages—Spectrohm's enables 100% insight. Compared to existing systems, Spectrohm's patented radio-wave technology cuts equipment cost and weight and adds speed and insight. Founded by members of the Intelligence Community and funded by DHS and USAF, Spectrohm enables governments, eCommerce, and venues to enhance security, stop fraud, and enforce tariffs—at scale.

These companies will benefit from:

- **Professional Pitch Coaching:** Each company will receive coaching and expert guidance to refine their pitches, to best prepare and maximize their impact.
- **Valuable Feedback:** An experienced investor panel will provide constructive feedback to help these companies grow and succeed.
- **Networking Opportunities:** The event offers a unique platform to connect with key stakeholders in the DMV region, fostering potential collaborations and partnerships.

In addition to the presenting companies, two start-ups were chosen to exhibit their innovations at the event via tabling: [Keep Company](#), an employee mental health platform, and [Flying Ship](#), an autonomous maritime aviation innovator. They will have a representative from their company showcase their innovations in the exhibitor area.

The expert investor panel has been chosen that will lead the Q&A following each of the five company presentations and provide feedback to the presenters:

- **Blaire Rakowicz** – [Cross Impact Capital](#) She specializes in early-stage investments, supporting groundbreaking startups in deep tech, defense, and AI-driven innovations.
- **John Hrivnak** – [Red Cell Partners](#) He focuses on national security and healthcare ventures, driving strategic growth and innovation in mission-critical sectors.
- **Alison Perez** – [Lockheed Ventures](#) She leads investments in defense and aerospace startups, fostering cutting-edge technologies that shape the future of global security.

Dave Harvey, Executive Director of the Accelerate Breakfast Series, expressed his enthusiasm, “We are excited to see the innovative solutions these companies bring to the table. The Accelerate Breakfast Series continues to be a vital connector in our region’s entrepreneurial ecosystem, and we look forward to supporting these promising ventures.”

Paula Sorrell from George Mason University’s Mason Enterprise is grateful to the supporters, “From the sponsors who make it happen to the community leaders in tech economic development that spend their time supporting the event through screening, coaching, and outreach, we are glad to be working alongside you in the community to bring more capital to start-ups.”



The Accelerate Breakfast Series is a partnership between George Mason University and Fairfax County, designed to support early-stage companies throughout the greater Washington, D.C. region.

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