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### **Calling All Innovators: Applications Open for July 10 Accelerate Breakfast Event**

Fairfax, VA – The Accelerate Breakfast Series is now accepting applications from high-growth tech companies based in Virginia, Maryland, and DC for the upcoming Accelerate Breakfast Event scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025. The deadline for companies to apply is May 16, 2025 at 5pm.

The Accelerate Breakfast Series has become a cornerstone event for the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem, fostering valuable connections and facilitating growth for innovative startups. With a focus on cutting-edge technologies, the series provides a unique platform for emerging companies to showcase their solutions, engage with potential investors, and forge strategic partnerships.

The upcoming event will take place in McLean, Virginia, and five companies will be selected to present their innovative solutions and growth strategies to the assembled audience and investor panel. Selected companies will have the chance to pitch to investors and industry leaders, with the goal of securing seed-stage capital ranging from \$500,000 to \$2 million. The event will take place from 7:30 am to 10:00 am, offering a focused and dynamic networking opportunity.

Eligible companies must be based in Virginia, Maryland, or Washington, DC, and demonstrate a track record of rapid growth, innovative technology, and strong business fundamentals. The selection process will be highly competitive, with the five presenting companies chosen based on the strength of their applications and the potential for their solutions to make a significant impact.

“We are seeking innovative companies that are pushing the boundaries of technology and have the potential to make a significant impact in their industries,” said Dave Harvey, Executive Director of the Accelerate Breakfast Series. “This is a terrific opportunity for high-potential startups to showcase their groundbreaking ideas to 200 business and government leaders, including early-stage investors.”

In addition to the live pitch presentations, the Accelerate Breakfast Event will feature networking opportunities and an exhibition area with the presenters and featured startups. Attendees will have the chance to connect with potential investors, strategic partners, and other key players in the regional tech ecosystem.

As the series continues to gain momentum, this well-attended and highly anticipated event will build upon the success of the series ability to foster valuable connections, with presenters securing key investments and forming strategic partnerships. The most recent Accelerate Breakfast featured five cutting-edge technology companies across sectors including



biomolecular imaging, cybersecurity, and AI. The Accelerate Breakfast Series continues to provide a critical platform for emerging entrepreneurs to connect with potential investors, partners, and mentors.

“The Accelerate Breakfast Series continues to be a crucial catalyst for business growth and economic development in our region,” noted Paula Sorrell, Assistant Vice President at George Mason University.

Previous events have highlighted companies in fields such as electric vehicle infrastructure, life science tools, electromagnetic interference mitigation, AI-driven workflow optimization, and cybersecurity.

Interested companies can visit the Accelerate Breakfast website:

<https://acceleratedeals.org/accelerate-breakfast-series> to learn more and submit their applications. Applicants should be prepared to demonstrate their unique value proposition, growth potential, and innovative approach to solving critical technological challenges.

**About Accelerate Breakfast Series:** The Accelerate Breakfast Series is a premier networking and pitch event that connects entrepreneurs and investors, offering a curated platform for pitch opportunities and expert guidance. Each event highlights five selected high-growth companies, providing them with a strategic opportunity to showcase their ventures to early-stage investors. Government and corporate sponsors for the series include Fairfax, Arlington, and Prince William Counties in Virginia; JP Morgan Chase, CohnReznick, Wilson Sonsini and Morrison & Foerster.

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