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Governor's Entrepreneurial Business Conference to be Held June 4
Early Stage Entrepreneurs to be Honored at Luncheon

DOVER, Del. (May 13, 2010) – The [Delaware Economic Development Office](#) and the Delaware Emerging Technology Center will present the second annual Governor's Entrepreneurial Business Conference on Friday, June 4 at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington. The conference will offer entrepreneurs, investors and companies a broad range of networking opportunities and informational workshops.

The goal of the conference is to bring people together for a day of sharing valuable insight on current topics including the status of the former Chrysler and Valero facilities, new entrepreneurship tools, critical business resources and emerging opportunities.

Governor Jack Markell will deliver the keynote luncheon presentation, "Today's ideas, tomorrow's companies: Why Delaware's entrepreneurs matter." Also during the luncheon, the winners of the [Delaware Emerging Technology Center](#) "Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 [Boot Camp](#) and Business Plan Competition Awards" will be announced. A total of \$15,000 will be awarded to eight entrepreneurs who submitted the best business plans in four different categories.

Conference morning speakers and presenters include leaders from the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Delaware Small Business Administration, the University of Delaware and PBF Energy Partners. The afternoon session will feature successful entrepreneurs, information technology experts, angel and venture inventors, marketing specialists and educators who will participate in additional panel discussions. They will focus on a series of topics including: management and business planning; securing capital investments; and social media promotion. The discussions have been designed to meet the needs of entrepreneurs at all phases of business development including planning, startup and growth.

Early bird registration through May 23 is \$35. Regular registration is \$50 after May 23. To review the agenda or to register, visit the conference website at <http://dedo.delaware.gov/gebc>. Exhibit sponsorship opportunities are also available by contacting Maria Evans, marketing coordinator, at maria.evans@state.de.us.

About the Delaware Economic Development Office

The Delaware Economic Development Office is an executive state agency responsible for attracting new investors and businesses to the state, promoting the expansion of existing industry, assisting small and minority-owned businesses, promoting and developing tourism and creating new and improved employment opportunities for all citizens of the State. DEDO is a Certified Economic Development Organization, accredited by the International Economic Development Council. Visit dedo.delaware.gov.

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