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Networking and Information Draws Large Crowd for Tech Connect Event

TOLEDO, Ohio – More than 200 people committed to accelerating the region’s tech-based business growth recently gathered for an opportunity to learn more about the latest advancements and successes in the local community.

Tech-minded professionals met at the Navy Bistro January 21 for Tech Connect, a quarterly networking event hosted by the Regional Growth Partnership’s (RGP) Launch and Rocket Ventures technology programs.

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“Our purpose for Tech Connect is to provide entrepreneurs and small technology companies an opportunity to network and interact with investors, the business community and academic institutions,” said Tasha Hussain Black, director of Launch.

Attendees heard from two new start-up companies who described their business plans, strategies and paths to success. Tech Tol Imaging CEO Phil Cox explained his company’s revolutionary technology as the only business offering instantaneous capture and viewing of 3D rotational images on the Internet.

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Rick Wasserman, co-founder and CEO of PhysioSim, discussed his company's creation of a patient assessment training mannequin, which allows medical students to perform real-world assessments and track results – better preparing them for field work.

“These two technology companies are a testament to the competence and innovation already existing in our region,” said Steve Weathers, president and CEO of the RGP. “Our goal will be to draw out more of these potential start-ups through Tech Connect, provide the necessary services through Launch and Rocket Ventures, and continue developing a tech-based economy.”

Other sponsors of Tech Connect include the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, the University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University and Gorillas & Gazelles.

Launch is a tech-based business incubation program of the Regional Growth Partnership. Launch provides comprehensive business assistance for entrepreneurs and start-up companies that are commercializing revolutionary, world-class technologies, to accelerate company growth and time to market entry.

Rocket Ventures, a division of the Regional Growth Partnership, is a pre-seed, early stage venture fund for technology-based entities/companies operating within the state of Ohio. It consists of \$15 million in state funding and \$7.5 million in private sector investment and is supported through the Ohio Department of Development.

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