CALL FOR PRESENTING COMPANIES

THIRD ANNUAL

MIDWEST ALTERNATIVE ENERGY VENTURE FORUM (MAEVF)

University of Chicago Booth School of Business
Gleacher Center, Chicago, Illinois

November 18, 2009

The Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business in partnership with Argonne National Laboratories, ACG Chicago, the Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center, Reed Smith LLP, and others, plans to host the third annual Midwest venture forum specifically targeting alternative energy technologies. Scheduled to be held at the University of Chicago’s Gleacher Center in downtown Chicago on November 18, 2009, the forum will highlight Midwest-affiliated companies and research institutions working on alternative energy technologies for an audience of investors from across the country.

Midwest-based universities, laboratories and corporations have been the leaders in developing solar, biofuel, wind, clean coal, nuclear, energy conservation and pollution control technologies. In 2008, the Midwest region produced almost one third of utility-scale wind power in the United States. Venture capital firms invested $24.1 billion that year in clean tech companies, up from $2.6 billion in 2007. The majority of investments were made in west-coast companies. Although venture capital finance in the Midwest continues to lag, impressive gains have already been made towards translating Midwest research innovations into established clean tech businesses within the region. With renewed support from the U.S. government, the Midwest clean tech sector promises to grow even more in 2009. By matching innovative technologies with the venture capital necessary for their deployment within the region, the MAEVF will foster continued growth of these and other Midwest alternative energy industries.

Midwest-affiliated companies and technology owners interested in presenting at the Forum should submit an Executive Summary in Word or .pdf format on or before Noon, Central Time, on AUGUST 14, 2009, to:

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Each Executive Summary should describe the proposing company/technology owner, its product and business proposition, its owned or licensed material intellectual property, its management team (if applicable), and prospects for timely commercialization.

A panel of prestigious external VCs and entrepreneurs will select from what we expect to be an impressive number of Midwest companies. Selected applicants will be contacted by the University of Chicago on or about September 1 with additional information.

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