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# WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS

# THE NEW VENTURES BC COMPETITION FOR 2009

APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
APRIL 20, 2009

■ **WHAT IS IT?** A four-round technology business competition for early-stage B.C. entrepreneurs. It features nine business-education seminars, networking, mentoring and more than \$300,000 in cash and prizes.

- **Round 1** Submit an on-line overview of your idea, attend business seminars and make valuable networking contacts.
- **Round 2** Create a five-page business plan overview to convince the jury that your business idea is feasible.
- **Round 3** Only 30 selected competitors will join this round to develop an eight-page executive summary and attend exclusive workshops. Assigned mentors will guide you through the process.
- **Round 4** Just 10 selected finalists will present and discuss their business plan before a jury of venture capitalists, angels and financiers. The jury will award more than \$300,000 in prizes among winners whose proposed businesses are viable new companies with a bright future.

The New Ventures BC Competition supports B.C.'s emerging technology industry. It is operated by the non-profit BC Ventures Society and sponsored by both the public and private sectors.

## ■ PRIZES

- \$119,000 First-prize package including British Columbia Innovation Council \$100,00 Proof-of-Concept award
- \$63,000 Second-prize package including British Columbia Innovation Council \$50,000 Proof-of-Concept award
- \$37,000 Third-prize package including British Columbia Innovation Council \$30,000 Proof-of-Concept award
- BC Hydro Sustainability \$40,000 prize
- BC Bioenergy Network \$20,000 prize
- Economic Impact \$20,000 prize

■ **WHO CAN ENTER?** The contest accepts entries from a B.C. person, team or business with a technology-focused idea related to sectors such as biotech, wireless, cleantech, software, forestry and more. Entry fee is \$100 per team and includes access to all seminars and networking events.

■ **WHAT KIND OF IDEAS ARE WE LOOKING FOR?** Last year's winners included a solar desalination plant, energy management software for building automation and metering, and a wireless system for retrofitting rooms and buildings for energy conservation.

■ **SEMINAR SERIES** Join New Ventures BC starting April 1 for our 10-week seminar and networking series, which will give you the business basics and contacts you need to get started. Topics will include: Market Research and Product Marketing, Assessing the Opportunity, The Business Plan, All about Funding, and Perfecting your Pitch.

Visit [www.newventuresbc.com](http://www.newventuresbc.com) for all the information you need, including the rules, timelines and registration form. For more information please call 604.725.5740 or email [contact@newventuresbc.com](mailto:contact@newventuresbc.com)



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