

**Coquitlam Firm A Finalist
in TELUS NEW VENTURES BC Competition**

Coquitlam owners of leaky condos would like a Port Coquitlam business idea that is among ten finalists in the second annual TELUS New Ventures BC technology business idea competition.

HealthE Air Technologies has developed an unusual, indoor air quality evaluation system. It uses a bio-engineered, microscopic test organism to detect specific toxins present in indoor air samples. Developed in collaboration with the government of Canada and with the assistance of the National Research Council, the system can test for many contaminants, including toxic gases, mould, bacteria and asbestos as well as dusts, fibrous and granular particles, hair, pet dander and dust mites.

Last April, 148 BC entrepreneurs entered the TELUS New Ventures BC competition. Over the past six months, competitors strove to advance through four rounds of competition as they participated in business education seminars, networking events, one-on-one mentoring and presentations before jury panels. Their goal? To build a business case capable of convincing each round of jury panelists that their business idea is good enough to attract capital and succeed in the marketplace.

On October 10th, six winners will share \$120,000 in cash and prizes, including the BMO Bank of Montreal grand prize of \$25,000 in cash and \$25,000 in services.

Initiated by SFU Business and operated by the non-profit BC Ventures Society, the competition is sponsored by both the public and private sectors.

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