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**Speakers for Ohio Early Stage Business Summit Unveiled**  
Agenda Features National Leaders in Entrepreneurial Business Development

*COLUMBUS, Ohio—October 18, 2011* –The Ohio Capital Fund today announced the list of confirmed speakers for their upcoming Early Stage Business Summit which will be held in downtown Columbus November 9 and 10, 2011. Summit speakers will focus on several topics including Ohio's entrepreneurial ecosystem, investment trends and challenges as well as evolving technologies showing promise.

**The cache of speakers for the free, two-day event includes:**

- **Timothy C. Draper**, *Founder and Managing Director*, Draper Fisher Jurvetson (Global venture capital fund with offices in the US, China and India)
- **Mark D. Kvamme**, *Special Limited Partner*, Sequoia Capital (California-based venture capital firm) and *President and Interim CIO* of JobsOhio (Ohio's economic development engine)
- **Laurent Rouaud**, *Chief Marketing Officer*, GE's Ecomagination Initiative (General Electric's business strategy to deliver economic growth through innovations in environmental performance)

The event will also feature individual and panel discussions about innovation, investment and Ohio's developing early stage business ecosystem and offer networking opportunities for attendees. People can view the entire agenda and register for the free event by visiting [www.TheOhioCapitalFund.com](http://www.TheOhioCapitalFund.com).

**About The Ohio Capital Fund**

Established by the State of Ohio through legislative mandate to help increase private investment in Ohio companies in the seed or early stages of business development, The Ohio Capital Fund receives oversight from the Ohio Venture Capital Authority (OVCA). The OVCA is comprised of three members appointed by the Governor with one nominated from a slate of candidates submitted by the Speaker of the House and one selected from a slate of candidates submitted by the President of the Senate. For more information visit: [www.theohiocapitalfund.com](http://www.theohiocapitalfund.com).

To date, the Ohio Capital fund has committed funds in 23 venture capital funds 10 of which have a new presence in Ohio due to the commitment from Ohio Capita Fund. The 23 venture capital funds and their co-investors have invested nearly \$400 million in Ohio 55 companies. Those companies employ nearly 1,900, and have a combined estimated annual payroll of more than \$120 million. Most of these companies remain in the early stages of development and will likely grow exponentially. For every Ohio Capital Fund dollar invested in venture capital funds, Ohio has attracted nearly \$5.00 in venture capital to support emerging businesses.