## Seed and Early Stage Investing

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# Agenda

- Who am I
- Angel Investing & Jumpstart NJ Angel Network
- TechLaunch Technology Accelerator

# My Background

- 25+ Year Career in Defense Electronics Industry
- Electronic Engineer with 12 Patents issued.
- Industry experience at ITT, Raytheon, ERI, Honeywell
- 1982 Founder & CEO of Electro-Radiation Inc. (ERI)
- 1998 SBA National Tibbetts Award winner
- 2004 sold ERI to Honeywell
- 2007 Founder of Casabona Ventures, LLC
- 2009 Chairman Emeritus, Jumpstart NJ Angel Network
- 2010 NJTC Financier of the Year
- 2011 Founder of TechLaunch, LLC
- Member IEEE, VANJ, NJTC, NDIA, AOC...
- Board Member of For-Profit and Non-For-Profit Organizations
- Currently Angel Investor and Entrepreneur

# My Portfolio Companies

















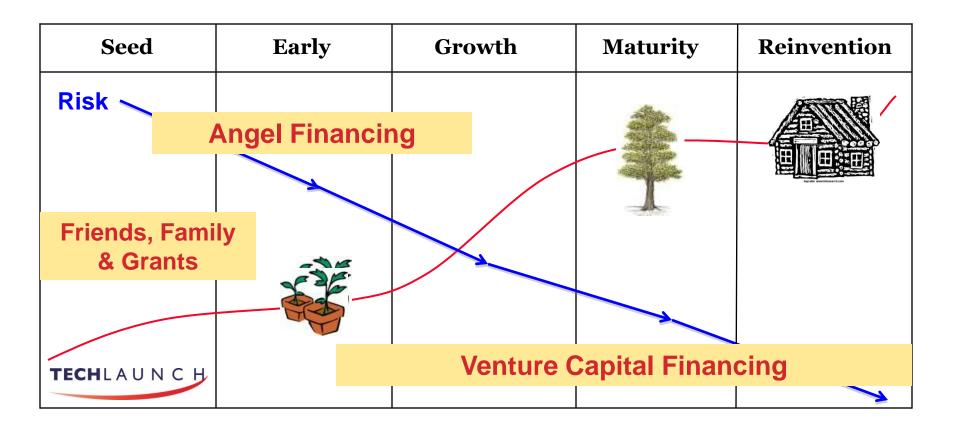




Oil Exploration Company

Oil Drilling Equipment

## Funding Eco-System



# Angel Investing and Jumpstart NJ Angel Network

Mario Casabona, Chairman Emeritus

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# **Angel Investors**

#### Bridge Gap Between





# Founders Financing







Venture Capitalist

## Angels vs. Venture Funds

#### **Angel Investors 2011**

- US \$22.5 billion
- ~66,200 deals
- 42% seed/startup
- 57% early/expansion stage
- 318,500 individuals

#### **Venture Capital 2011**

- US \$28.4 billion
- ~3,750 deals
- 3% seed/startup/ 29% early stage
- 68% later/expansion capital
- 462 firms active

# Millionaires vs. Angel Groups

U.S. Millionaires

8,600,000

Informal Investors (3 study estimates)

1,000,000

Active

Angels

(Center for

Venture

Research)

265,000

Investors in Angel Groups

15,000

Sources: Spectrum, academic studies, 2012

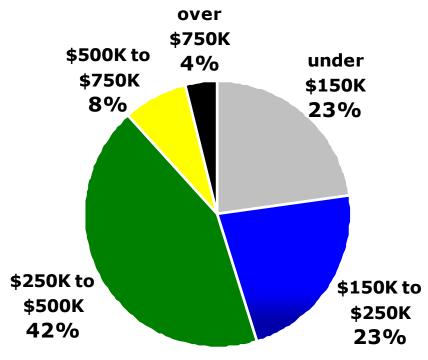
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## Typical Angel Group Investment Size

67% of Angel Groups Invest \$150K to \$500K per Deal

- Investment surprisingly broad
- Average deal size increasing
- Syndication needed among groups to fill rounds entrepreneurs need

#### **Angel Group Investment Size**



Source: ACA Confidence Survey, 2012

# Advantages of an Angel Group

- Pivot on Individual Experiences
- Negotiate "group" Term Sheet
- Deal Flow
- Deal Screening and Due Diligence effort is shared
- Shared Expenses for Operations
- Build Peer Relationships

## Typical Angel Investor Selection Criteria

- Seed, start-up, and early stage
- Product or Services market need
- Founders commitment
- Sound business plan for building equity
- Strong and Experienced management team
- Proof of concept achieved?
- IP Strategy for sustainable advantage
- Reasonable valuation
- Realistic exit strategy
- Funding needs for initial and subsequent financing
- Geographic location Angels vs VC financing

#### How to Find Angels

- Angel Capital Association-directories
- Events with companies and investors: VANJ,
   NJEN, NJTC Venture Conference, Accelerator Demo Days
- Angel Group open events –Jumpstart Princeton Innovation Forum; Jumpstart Meet the Angels
- Angel groups websites list events where they will attend or speak
- Talk with other early stage entrepreneurs
- University Tech Transfer Offices
- Meet Ups
- LinkedIn
- BEST— Warm Handshake--Introduction

#### Jumpstart Highlights

- About 42 active and accredited members
- Members have invested over \$33 Million -- 60% in NJ Companies
- Members have invested in 45 Companies, 71 Rounds
- Largest \$ angel investor group in the Mid Atlantic region with the highest dollar investment from CT to Virginia (except for NY Angels)

## Jumpstart Invests in (generally)

- High growth capital efficient companies solving pain points.
- Sectors where we can add value Smart Money
- Clean Tech, B2B enterprise services and software, MedTech, SocMed, Healthcare IT and diagnostics, advanced materials. devices and IT, Communications



## Portfolio Companies (some)













































#### www.TechLaunch.com

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New Jersey's Technology Accelerator

Seed Capital, Co-Working Space, Mentors, Business Training, Professional Services and Access to Investors

Mario M. Casabona, Founder and General Partner

# Objectives



- 1. Identify and Invest in most promising ideas, technologies and teams
- 2. Accelerate the commercialization of new technology to shorten "time to exit"
- 3. Provide *LaunchPad* business program to de-risk early stage obstacles and raise Valuation
- Provide a venue for young entrepreneurs to showcase cutting edge technology ("Demo Day") to aid fundraising efforts
- 5. Provide access to early stage funding

# **Opportunity**



NJ Economic Development Authority (EDA) has chosen to co-invest with *TechLaunch* to create a private/public Technology Accelerator in NJ

# First 3 years New Jersey EDA \$150,000 per year Signature Investor Match \$300,000 per year

Provide seed capital to vetted ideas and mentoring to de-risk start-up obstacles

# **Industry Focus**



Social Media
Web Technology
Information Technology
Health Care
Pharmaceutical
Electronics
Communications

Security
Bio-Tech
Medical Technology
Chemical
Manufacturing
Environmental
Energy...

# LaunchPad 1 (12 weeks) Activities





# LP 1 Portfolio Companies TECHLAUNCH





















## LaunchPad 2 (2013) Program Overview

#### **Seed Investment**

- Raw Idea, Product and Team
- Up to \$25K Seed Capital
- 10% Equity
- Shared Workspace
- Optional Living Space on Campus

#### Follow-on Funding

- Investor Conference and Demo Day
- Continued access to early-stage investors
- Networking
- 3 Month Co-working Space

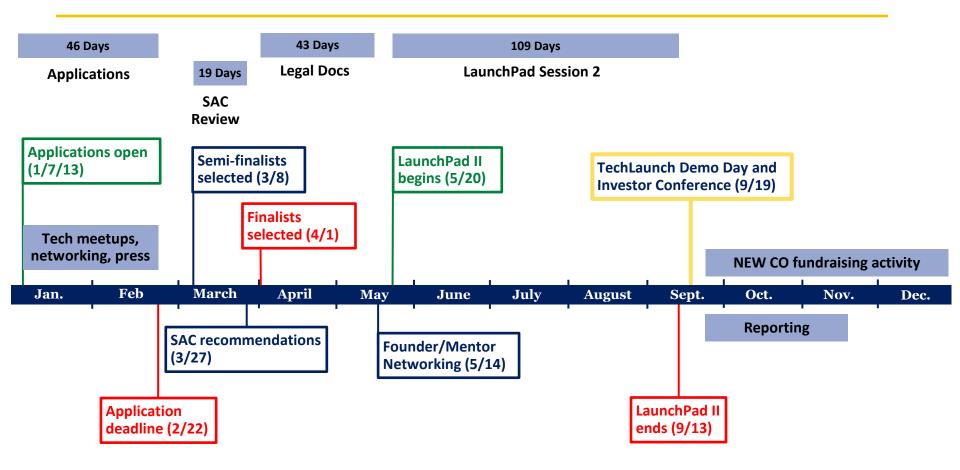


#### 16-Week LaunchPad Program

- 1-on-1 Mentorship
- Business Training: Product Development, Operations, Sales and Marketing, IP, Fundraising, etc.
- Special Guest Speakers
- Social Events
- Investor Access
- Build Investor Pitch



#### TechLaunch 2013 Timeline





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