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## **Reminder: Gulf Coast Pitch Competition Wednesday!**

Business groups across Mississippi and Louisiana are partnering to promote entrepreneurship in the first annual Gulf Coast Pitch Night to be held this Wednesday, October 17, at the scenic Great Southern Club in Gulfport, Mississippi. The four-way collaboration is co-hosted by: the Small Business Innovation Research Consortium (SBIRC), Louisiana Technology Transfer Office, Marine Industries Science & Technology Cluster (MIST) and Innovate Mississippi.

The Gulf Coast Pitch event is supported by several sponsors, including Title Sponsor Callais Capital and event sponsors Cara Stone, Baker Donelson, MIST, Model Content, Louisiana Technology Park, Idea Village and Patent Dive. This mix of support signals a diverse gathering expected for this innovation event. The sponsors will help underwrite the event and support the pitch winner package, valued at \$10,000 of cash and in-kind services.

**The Pitch Line-up is Strong:**



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**All entrepreneurs, researchers, investors, economic developers, and business groups are welcome to join us for this multi-state event. Networking Reception starts at 5pm, with Pitch Program starting at 6pm. Please register today!**

Register for Gulf Coast Pitch Night

SBIRC, Tech Park, 7117 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA.