

2013 Biz Launch Business Plan Competition

## **Competition Rules**

Building the Future With Southern Ohio Business

- 1. Applicants must plan to operate the primary place of business in one of the following counties in Ohio: Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Scioto, Ross, Pike, or Vinton.
- 2. To be considered as a finalist, applicants agree that they will use the prize winnings as they outline within the business plan.
- 3. Business plans may be submitted by individuals or teams.
- 4. Participants must be at least 18 years of age.
- 5. If you have any questions regarding eligibility, contact Meagan Barnes at OSU South Centers at (740) 289-2071 ext. 227 or Tulanda Brown at Fluor-B&W Portsmouth (740) 835-6877.
- 6. Business plans and completed applications must be submitted to the business plan competition website <u>www.sbdc.osu.edu/bizlaunch</u> or emailed to Melissa Carter, <u>carter.1094@osu.edu.</u>
- 7. All business plans must be received by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 15, 2013.
- 8. Applications must describe a new business, early stage company, a new product line, or the proposed expansion of their existing company.
- 9. Business plans should be a maximum of 30 pages, which includes financial projections, cover page and exhibits.
- 10. Business plans will be screened and applicants will be notified if they have advanced to the presentation round.
- 11. All presentations will be 25 minutes long; 15 minutes for business plan presentation and 10 minutes to respond to questions from the judges.
- 12. The judges may disqualify any application they believe violates the letter or spirit of the competition guidelines.
- 13. The decisions of the judges are final, including interpretation of the rules.





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