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### 3rd Annual Stateline *FastPitch* Competition Keynote Speaker & Presentation Training

Rockford, IL, May 11, 2009—Planning for the **3rd Annual Stateline *FastPitch* Competition** on June 23, 2009, at the NIU Outreach Center in Rockford, IL is well underway. Rock River Valley Entrepreneurship Center (RRVEC) is coordinating and promoting ***FastPitch***, which offers local entrepreneurs and business owners the opportunity to “pitch” their business idea to a panel of esteemed judges from the business and investment community. With a top prize of \$5,000 it will be well worth three minutes of your time.

**The RRVEC is proud to announce their *FastPitch* keynote speaker, Tim Keane.** Keane is the Director of The Kohler Center for Entrepreneurship and the Golden Angels Network at Marquette University. He was founder and CEO of RTMS, Inc., a customer software company, an active investor in startups, director of the Angel Capital Association and First Business Bank, and chairman of Taliesin Preservation. In 2007, Mr. Keane participated in several programs promoting entrepreneurship with the US Embassy. Keane began his career at GE Healthcare and is a graduate of Seattle and Marquette Universities.

***FastPitch* presentation training sessions will be held on Tuesday, June 16 and Wednesday, June 17 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the EIGERlab.** These sessions are designed to assist applicants with the development of their ***FastPitch*** presentations and provide practice with constructive feedback. This training has been beneficial to previous participants and will be facilitated by a group of last year’s finalists. The total cost is \$15. Please contact Sherry Pritz to participate, 815.921.2054.

***FastPitch* participants must submit their business pitches to RRVEC in writing for pre-qualification by Wednesday, June 10. They will be notified regarding participation by Friday, June 12.**

Visit Rock River Valley Entrepreneurship Center online at [www.rrvec.com](http://www.rrvec.com) for full ***FastPitch*** contest details and requirements. Business pitches must be submitted in writing (1000 words or less) to Sherry Pritz at [S.Pritz@RockValleyCollege.edu](mailto:S.Pritz@RockValleyCollege.edu). For any questions or additional information regarding ***FastPitch***, contact Dan Cataldi or Sherry Pritz of the RRVEC at 815.921.2054.

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