



Cantor Colburn Sponsors 2014 Innovation Summit

HARTFORD, Conn. – [Cantor Colburn](#) will sponsor the [Connecticut Innovation Summit](#), the state's largest technology networking event, where innovative, emerging, and disruptive companies, premier service providers, and elite technology leaders meet and celebrate innovation. The November 12 event concludes with an Awards Ceremony, hosted by Cantor Colburn's Co-Managing Partner [Michael Cantor](#), which will recognize the next generation of high-growth companies in Connecticut.

The Innovation Summit is presented by the Connecticut Technology Council (CTC), a statewide association of technology-oriented companies and institutions, providing leadership in areas of policy advocacy, community building and assistance for growing companies. Mr. Cantor is a CTC board member, and Cantor Colburn is the event's founding sponsor.

"Innovation is the engine for economic growth in Connecticut," said Mr. Cantor. "The Innovation Summit is important because it recognizes and supports the companies and individuals who will create jobs and commercialize innovation for the betterment of all."

Also presenting the Innovation Summit are the Angel Investor Forum, the Crossroads Venture Group, and CURE. The Summit provides entrepreneurs, angels, venture investors, corporate business development executives, and business service providers an opportunity to network, while the selected firms receive an opportunity to meet mentors and potential investors. The Innovation Summit is expected to attract 400 attendees.

The CTC has selected *79 Tech Companies to Watch*, listed on its website www.ct.org, to participate in the seventh annual Innovation Summit, presenting to the technology community 79 early stage technology firms with the potential to become fast growing firms. The 79 were selected from a larger group of applicant companies and most are recent start-ups, with many pre-revenue. A small number are small tech firms that have been in business for a few years and generate revenue.

This year the Innovation Summit features:

- **A Funding Fair** where 40 funders including angels, VC's, corporate VC's, investment bankers, lenders, family offices, government programs and private investors will be on-hand to offer individual guidance and advice.
- **Mentor Meetings** where 79 entrepreneurs will get the opportunity to meet one-on-one with tech experts of their choosing- executives, and serial entrepreneurs who built and sold companies- to share their experiences, knowledge and expertise.
- The **Pitch Fest** where each of the 40 companies will deliver a three-minute pitch to a panel of judges who will pick the best and award cash prizes.



- A **TCTW Expo**, or mini-trade show, where the *79 Tech Companies to Watch* will exhibit and meet attendees.
- An **Awards Ceremony** which will recognize the next generation of high-growth companies in Connecticut and the region. Five companies will receive awards in the following categories:
 - Most Promising New Technology Product or Service
 - Most Promising Software Product
 - Most Promising New Internet/New Media Company
 - Most Promising Life Sciences Product
 - Most Promising New Green/Environmental Product

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