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Venture capital forum includes regional firms

The Oregon Entrepreneurs Forum has chosen 15 companies to present at the state's annual venture capital conference next month, including -- for the first time -- four companies from out of state.

Venture Northwest, formerly Venture Oregon, expanded this year to include the whole region in hopes of raising the state's profile in the investment community. The Oct. 25 conference, in its 11th year, will be at the Hilton in downtown Portland.

Presenting companies were to be announced Thursday night at OEF's annual awards dinner.

This year's companies are Crystal Clear (based in Portland), Document Command (Kirkland, Wash.), Elemental Technologies (Portland), Enuclia Semiconductor (Beaverton), GeoMedica (Eugene), Home Comfort Zones (Beaverton), iMove Inc. (Portland), JanRain Inc. (Portland), Lockdown Networks (Seattle), Max-Viz (Portland), Micronics Inc. (Redmond, Wash.), Nau Inc., Portland, Perlego Systems Inc. (Gig Harbor, Wash.), Platial Inc. (Portland), and Tyfone Inc. (Portland).

Also Thursday, OEF named awards for its top companies and nonprofit organization of the year. The winners are:

Development stage company: ImTech

Working capital company: SawStop

Growth company: Tripwire Inc.

Individual achievement: Michael Wright, WellPartner Inc.

Entrepreneurship award for nonprofit organizations: Our United Villages.

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