



Building Upon Successes

Thank you to all who attended and participated in what we're being told was one of the best Alabama Launchpad Innovation and Entrepreneurship conferences. We drew our largest crowd of 230 people, with Gov. Robert Bentley; Alabama Secretary of Commerce Greg Canfield and Alabama Department of Economic And Community Affairs Director Jim Byard Jr. in attendance.

At this year's conference, held Sept. 26-27 at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham-The Wynfrey Hotel, we celebrated Alabama's innovation successes by giving awards to the state's start-ups, angel investors, researchers, incubators and entities that patent their inventions. We did this because they collectively create thousands of high wage jobs.

Angela Wier, an EDPA vice president, summed it best: "In Alabama, we do a very good job celebrating the recruitment of industry into the state and the expansion of existing businesses. We recognize that we have a diverse base of technology-rich small companies that collectively create quality jobs for Alabamians. Often, they are off the radar. We want to put the contributors to Alabama's innovation economy on everyone's radar."

We were extremely proud to acknowledge:

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Scientic, Inc
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Thank you all very much for your support, participation, patience and endurance. Our goal is to continue the momentum from the 2013 conference. We hope that future Innovation and Entrepreneurship conferences can be built upon this success.