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EDPA Announces Six Startups Advance as Finalists for the September 27th Alabama Launchpad Startup Competition

Birmingham, AL, Sept. 11 --- The Economic Development Partnership of Alabama announced today that six early-stage companies are advancing as finalists in the Alabama Launchpad Startup Competition Finale, which will take place in Huntsville on Sept. 27th.

Alabama Launchpad is a program of EDPA and started in 2006 to help high growth potential companies start, stay and grow in Alabama.

Startups are competing in one of two tracks: concept stage for entrepreneurs launching businesses and seed stage for businesses accelerating growth.

The concept stage finalists are:

- Moovmo, based in Birmingham, provides a ridesharing service for wheelchair users.
- Tomeah Health, based in Birmingham, provides a platform for home care agencies to enable the delivery of non-medical, in-home care, allowing seniors to continue to live independently while providing their family with peace of mind.
- FuelFox, based in Birmingham, FuelFox is an app based, on-site fuel delivery company that services two customer bases – individuals who park in surface lots and businesses that operate a fleet.

The seed stage finalists are:

- Neowaste, based in Birmingham, converts waste into low sulfur diesel fuel using a patented catalytic conversion process which can produce up to of 260 gallons of fuel from each ton of waste processed.
- Subzz, based in Montgomery, provides a software management platform that helps schools fill teacher absences faster and thereby eliminates the need for school staff to make phone calls to find substitute teachers.
- MD Mobile Care, based in Mobile, provides chronic care and transitional care management services to patients discharged from a hospital, with the goal of reducing hospital re-admissions and ER visits.

On Sept. 27, the judges will select a concept startup to receive up to \$50,000 cash investment and a seed startup to receive up to a \$100,000 cash investment.

Alabama Launchpad engages five experienced individuals to serve as competition judges. Judges have backgrounds as entrepreneurs, investors, or business sector executives. The five judges serve through all phases of the competition, and are able to determine which entrepreneurs listen, evolve and incorporate feedback.

Judges for this competition round are:

- Anderson Hicklen, Managing Partner, AIM Group
- Andrew Jennings, CCO, Lead Fearlessly
- Chase Morrow, CEO, Fetch
- Grantland Rice, CEO, Cobbs Allen
- Michael White, Managing Director, Founders

Twenty-four startups from across the state submitted applications to compete in this round of competition, and 21 met the criteria to be reviewed by the judges and considered to become finalists. Since its inception, Alabama Launchpad has invested \$4.1 million in companies that have created more than 500 jobs and gone on to raise \$76 million in combined revenue and follow-on funding.

About the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama (EDPA): Now in its 28th year, the non-profit Partnership represents the private sector's contribution to economic development in Alabama. EDPA is supported by more than 60 partners from across the state and works to attract, retain and grow jobs in Alabama, while also encouraging innovation through its Alabama Launchpad program.

About Alabama Launchpad: Alabama Launchpad, a program of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama (EDPA), helps high-growth companies Start, Stay and Grow in Alabama. Started in 2006, Alabama Launchpad is the state's largest virtual accelerator and early seed investor and drives innovation and job growth through startup competitions and ongoing mentoring for launching and growing businesses in Alabama.

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