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The Idea Village announces call for speakers for New Orleans Entrepreneur Week 2017

NEW ORLEANS — Today, The Idea Village announced an open call for submissions to present at the 9th annual New Orleans Entrepreneur Week (NOEW), presented by IBERIABANK. NOEW will take place from March 19-24, 2017 at a new campus anchored by the Contemporary Arts Center of New Orleans. The weeklong festival is produced by The Idea Village in partnership with Solomon Group.

Individuals interested in presenting at NOEW 2017 are invited to submit their ideas at <http://bit.ly/speakatNOEW>.

Submissions will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. CT on Friday, November 18, 2016.

NOEW is a uniquely New Orleanian festival experience that celebrates and showcases the best of business innovation and entrepreneurship. Selected speakers will be presenting during NOEW Interactive, a three-day core content track offered to all festival attendees, featuring keynote speakers, summits, panels, and hands-on workshops that are designed to spark inspiration and new thinking.

“NOEW continues to grow as a valuable asset for our community, and our work with local experts is the cornerstone of that effort,” said Victoria Adams Phipps, Executive Producer of New Orleans Entrepreneur Week. “As always, our goal is to educate, elevate, and inspire our community; however, this year, we are seeking thought leaders that can embrace our theme of ‘connectivity.’ We are eager to bring our diverse community together in ways that are fresh, inclusive, and impactful.”

The Idea Village team will judge all submissions and select speakers for NOEW Interactive. Selection criteria include the following: speaker qualification, content originality, significance to the NOEW audience, and relevance to national developments in entrepreneurship and innovation. Particular areas of focus this year include: diversity and inclusion, women in business, art and design, the future of New Orleans, crucial community dialogues, raising capital, and the next era of tech. Examples of sessions from NOEW 2016 are available at NOEW.org.

The Idea Village is hosting an information session about the submission process at its office (515 Girod Street) on Friday, November 4 at 12 p.m. Email Ambur Fusilier at ambur@ideavillage.org with any questions.

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ABOUT NEW ORLEANS ENTREPRENEUR WEEK:

New Orleans Entrepreneur Week (NOEW), presented by IBERIABANK, is an annual festival celebrating innovation, entrepreneurship, and new thinking in New Orleans. Produced by The Idea Village in partnership with Solomon Group, NOEW engages a dynamic network of entrepreneurs, investors, corporations, non-profits, students, and professionals to support growing companies, spark conversation, and applaud the entrepreneurial spirit in a city like no other. NOEW 2017 will take place March 19-24, 2017 at the Contemporary Arts Center of New Orleans. For more information: www.NOEW.org

ABOUT THE IDEA VILLAGE:

Founded in 2000, The Idea Village is an independent 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization based in New Orleans that provides direct service to high impact entrepreneurs, convenes the ecosystem through New Orleans Entrepreneur Week, and supports initiatives that strengthen our entrepreneurial infrastructure. The Idea Village received a Gold Excellence award from the International Economic Development Council for our Entrepreneur Season model in 2012, and we were recognized as a top-three entrepreneurship ecosystem developer in 2014 by the Global Innovation Summit. For more information: www.ideavillage.org