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The Idea Village Calls for Speakers for New Orleans Entrepreneur Week 2016

New Orleans, LA (October 21, 2015) — Today, The Idea Village announces an open call for submissions to present at the 8th annual New Orleans Entrepreneur Week (NOEW), presented by IBERIABANK. NOEW will be headquartered on Fulton Street in downtown New Orleans from March 11-18, 2016.

Those looking to present at NOEW 2016 are invited to submit their ideas at www.noew.org. **Submissions will be accepted until 11:45pm CT on Friday, November 6th.**

NOEW is the premier showcase event of the New Orleans entrepreneurial community, with eight days of events focused on innovation, entrepreneurship, and new thinking designed to engage a dynamic group of entrepreneurs, investors, community members and thought leaders. In 2015, NOEW drew 10,585 attendees- a 103% increase from the previous year. In anticipation of even further growth, we are greatly increasing NOEW 2016 content.

“NOEW has evolved into one of the most authentic and engaging entrepreneurship festivals in the country, with content that is both locally significant and globally relevant,” says NOEW Content Production Manager Richard W. Hébert. “This year, we are seeking thought leaders across various industries to present forward-thinking content on emerging trends, ideas, and strategies designed to educate, elevate, and inspire the New Orleans community and beyond.”

There are 40 available spots for speakers on the NOEW 2016 calendar. Selection criteria include: presenter qualification, content originality, significance to the NOEW audience, and relevance to national trends in entrepreneurship and innovation. Examples of sessions from NOEW 2015 are available at 2015.NOEW.org

The Idea Village is hosting an information session about the submission process at their office (515 Girod Street) on Tuesday, October 27th at 9am. Email Richard@ideavillage.org with questions or to schedule individual office hours.

ABOUT NEW ORLEANS ENTREPRENEUR WEEK:

New Orleans Entrepreneur Week (NOEW), presented by IBERIABANK, is an annual 8-day festival celebrating innovation, entrepreneurship, and new thinking in New Orleans. Produced by The Idea Village, 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. This year, NOEW 2016 will take place March 11-18, 2016.

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

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