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## **\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\***

### **TEDCO to Host Seventh Annual Statewide Entrepreneur Expo & Stem Cell Symposium on Oct. 25**

*Expo will bring together startup to seasoned entrepreneurs from across Maryland for a full-day conference to promote the State's innovation economy; Forcepoint's Guy Filippelli and Terra's Kitchen Mike McDevitt, will serve as the keynote speakers*

**WHAT:** The Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) invites members of the media to gain great insight into the state of entrepreneurship in Maryland at the seventh annual Entrepreneur Expo & Stem Cell Symposium on **Wednesday, Oct. 25 at the Hilton in Baltimore, Md.** This large-scale expo will bring together more than 700 of the state's most influential players for a day of dynamic conference programming, presentations, sessions and workshops dedicated to growing Maryland's innovation economy. This signature event is an opportunity for top entrepreneurs, small business executives, angel and venture capital investors, federal and state economic development officials, university leaders and legislators to inspire the next generation of innovators, and where up-and-comers can make valuable connections to ideas and mentors. The keynote speakers at the expo will be Forcepoint's Guy Filippelli and Terra's Kitchen Mike McDevitt.

This year's expo has 4 different tracks. Five unique components of the Expo are the entrepreneur sessions; stem cell symposium; "Fast Pitch," which will allow startups to speed pitch themselves to angel investor groups; "Speed Dating," which allow entrepreneurs to meet one-on-one with mentors and experts; and the "Incubation Challenge Pitches," which will showcase the six finalists from the [TEDCO Incubation Challenge](#) and culminating with an announcement of the winner during the reception at 5 pm.

The 2017 Entrepreneur Expo and Stem Cell Symposium will also include:

- 15 sessions with industry experts and entrepreneurs
- 3 Fireside chats
- A track focusing on investor pitch decks with real life examples from successful startups
- A crowdsourcing asset map session for the state
- Stem cell poster sessions
- Educational sessions

To view a complete list of panelists, speakers, sessions and exhibitors, please visit:  
<http://expo.tedco.md>

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017  
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Hilton Baltimore  
401 W Pratt Street  
Batimore, MD 21201

**NOTE TO EDITORS:**

- Members of the media are encouraged to attend the expo. For more information or to request a media pass, please contact Tammi Thomas at [tthomas1@tedco.md](mailto:tthomas1@tedco.md).
- Excellent interview opportunities – Guy Filippelli at 10:45AM, Mike McDevitt at 1:45PM; TEDCO, and standout members of Maryland’s entrepreneurial community will be available for interviews throughout the day.

**The Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO)** is the go-to source for entrepreneurial support and guidance for start-ups and early-stage companies engaged in bringing innovative ideas to market. For over nineteen years, the organization has provided funding, mentoring and networking opportunities to support Maryland’s innovation ecosystem. It is frequently ranked as one of the most active seed/early-stage investors in the nation. The organization plays a key role in bringing research created in Maryland’s educational institutions and federal laboratories into the commercial marketplace. For more information about TEDCO and its programs and resources, visit [www.TEDCO.md](http://www.TEDCO.md).

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