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Keiretsu Forum Northwest Announces Second Year Milestones Largest Angel Group Syndicate Fuels, Guides Area Start-ups

SEATTLE, WA--(Marketwire - February 5, 2008) - Keiretsu Forum (www.keiretsuforum.com), the nation's largest angel investor network with over 750 members on three continents, today announced that in just their second full year of operation in the Northwest, thirty-five ventures raised over \$17.4 million from the Keiretsu Forum network of investors, including twenty-three companies from the Puget Sound region. This brings the total amount raised to just over \$23.8 million by fifty-five companies since the founding of the first Northwest chapter in Seattle in the fall of 2005.

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"We're very proud of our portfolio as we mark the end of our second year of member based due diligence research and investing in the Northwest," said M. Todd Dean, Northwest Regional President. "Experienced entrepreneurs are coming to our membership thinking leaner, smarter and with more efficient go-to-market strategies than the investment community was seeing just a few years ago. Our model of a large forum of investors pooling resources and years of business expertise, plus a variety of events and networking opportunities, gives these companies access to far more than just cash."

About Keiretsu Forum

Keiretsu Forum is the world's largest angel investor network with 750 accredited investor members throughout sixteen chapters on three continents. Since Keiretsu Forum's founding in 2000, its members have invested over \$180 million into 200 companies in technology, consumer products, healthcare/life sciences, real estate and other segments with high growth potential. Forum members collaborate in the due diligence, but make individual investment decisions, with rounds in the range of \$250,000-\$3 million to qualifying early-stage companies. The Keiretsu Forum Northwest Region, with offices located in downtown Seattle, provides opportunities for local, national, and international companies to seek private equity investors from four chapters located in Seattle, Bellevue, Portland, and Boise, as well as investors throughout Keiretsu Forum network. Keiretsu Forum's community is strengthened through education on angel investing, as well as charitable giving. Forum members have donated over \$1.2 million to 91 non-profit organizations.

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