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## 8 Arizona firms to compete for investor funds

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Eight Arizona enterprises and five from out of state will vie for funding in December at the annual [Invest Southwest](#) Capital Conference in Scottsdale.

The 13 companies were selected from 65 applicants who sought the opportunity to pitch their firm in front of investors in hopes of raising between \$500,000 and \$5 million.

The companies include a [Phoenix](#) firm with technology to recycle scrap tires, a Tucson solar-electricity developer and a gene-synthesis company in Tempe.

They will compete with companies from Utah, Colorado and New [Mexico](#), according to organizers.

The selected companies will be assigned a team of six to eight mentors, including investors, accountants, lawyers and marketing experts, who will help them prepare a 10-minute presentation for the event at the Four Seasons [Resort](#) Scottsdale at Troon North.

The conference has been held under various names since 1992.

"We've got some early stage startups all the way to companies that are (venture capital) ready," said Terree Wasley, the director of Arizona State University's Technopolis program, which administers the conference.


The selected companies represent the fields of technology, life sciences and the growing energy sector.

"We certainly are getting more applications from that sector, especially solar," Wasley said.

Last year the conference attracted more than 300 attendees, of which about 130 were accredited investors, Wasley said.

Since the conference began, presenting companies have received more than \$300 million in funding through the event.

"Now more than ever these companies need access to capital," said Dan Mahoney, chairman of Invest Southwest. "The conference has become a forum at which entrepreneurs and investors from across the Southwestern region and beyond can collaborate, learn, and hopefully serve as catalysts for the next great company."

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- Synbuild, Tempe.
- Invoy Technologies, Chandler.
- MedApps Inc., Scottsdale.
- Regenesis Biomedical, Scottsdale.
- SIO2, Scottsdale.
- All Optronics Inc., Tucson.
- Engineering Synthesis Design Inc., Tucson.
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