



## ANGEL CAPITAL ASSOCIATION

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### **Angel Capital Association Announces Expansion of Membership to Individual Accredited Investors and Accredited Platforms**

**February 21, 2013** -- The Angel Capital Association (ACA), the world's leading professional and trade association for angel investors, today announced the expansion of its membership to individual accredited investors and accredited investor portals. Angel investors who belong to ACA member angel groups will continue to automatically receive membership in ACA's North American wide association.

"ACA's mission underpins three essential pillars of angel investing: professionalism in seed-stage funding; deal flow and portfolio company services; and public policy advocacy," said David Verrill, chairman of ACA's board of directors. "Since ACA was founded, we've served angel groups and their members well, and have grown to be the world's largest association representing accredited angel investing, with nearly 200 groups and 8,000 member angels. In the current exciting time in which the ecosystem of private accredited investing is rapidly evolving, we must broaden our base to better serve all angel investors – whether working in groups, through portals, or acting individually. We also plan to open membership for family offices in the near future."

Individual angels who join ACA prior to the [2013 ACA Summit: Navigating Change for Angel Success](#) will receive the membership rate to attend the Summit being held in San Francisco April 17-19. To join and/or register for the Summit, see: [www.angelcapitalassociation.org/join-aca/individuals/](http://www.angelcapitalassociation.org/join-aca/individuals/). Operators of accredited platforms may also join ACA and attend the ACA Summit, which includes a session on platforms on the agenda, via [www.angelcapitalassociation.org/join-aca/accredited-platforms/](http://www.angelcapitalassociation.org/join-aca/accredited-platforms/).

The ACA Summit is the world's largest gathering of sophisticated angel investors, and the preeminent forum for interaction and knowledge-sharing among accredited investors. ACA members also have access to regional meetings and workshops, webinars and an extensive library of publications written by angels for angels, and a host of other services and benefits that promote best practices in angel investing.

Other services for angels come through ACA initiatives. ACA promotes syndication opportunities through industry sector groups that share deal flow and trends in fields such as life sciences and cleantech. Its Public Policy Committee provides vital leadership in helping shape the US regulatory and legislative landscape in support of angel investing and the startups they back. Members and their portfolio companies can also take advantage of resources and services including insurance, background screening, and multiple business management products and services. New individual members can better connect with angel groups in their communities for deal flow, education, mentorship, and sharing the work of evaluating investment opportunities and supporting the entrepreneurial ventures that receive investment.

ACA members are required to meet Securities and Exchange Commission financial requirements for accredited investor status ([www.sec.gov/answers/accred.htm](http://www.sec.gov/answers/accred.htm)). ACA does not accept entrepreneurs seeking funding for membership and is not itself a source of funding. ACA provides information and resources for entrepreneurs at [www.angelcapitalassociation.org/entrepreneurs](http://www.angelcapitalassociation.org/entrepreneurs).

**About ACA:** The Angel Capital Association is the leading professional and trade association supporting the success of angel investors in high-growth, early-stage ventures. ACA provides professional development, industry voice, public policy advocacy and an array of benefits and resources to its membership of nearly 200 angel groups and more than 8,000 individual accredited investors. [www.angelcapitalassociation.org](http://www.angelcapitalassociation.org); Twitter: @ACAAngelCapital.

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