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Alabama Launchpad names finalists

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Alabama Launchpad has announced the nine finalists for its annual Governor's Business Plan Competition – and two firms from the **University of Alabama at Birmingham** made the cut.

The startup companies are competing for \$175,000 in seed capital.

This year's finalists (with school affiliations in parenthesis) are:

- 4K NutriPharma International (UAB)
- 525 Pain Management (UA)
- Decision Innovations (UAH)
- Hurri Pier & Dock System (U. South Alabama)
- Iolitec (UA)
- IPC Foam (Auburn)
- KOR Therapies (UAB)
- MicroGreen Technologies (UA)
- Parent Care Readiness Program (UA)

The finals of the competition will be held April 15 at the University of South Alabama.

In 2010, a University of Alabama in Huntsville research team, SLP Diagnostics, won the top prize from Alabama Launchpad for its work to help diagnose specific infectious agents.

Alabama Launchpad was designed by the **Economic Development Partnership of Alabama** to increase the number of high-growth entrepreneurs in Alabama and create a network to help entrepreneurs succeed.