

## Voting Opens Online For Entrepreneur Contest

(NAPSA)—A new contest is giving entrepreneurs the opportunity to build the company of their dreams around their own unique business idea. “You Be the VC” is taking an “American Idol”-inspired approach to finding some of the best hidden entrepreneurial talent in the U.S., opening up voting to all of America to help decide which business ideas will turn from a dream into a reality.

The competition, which launched in the fall of 2007, offers people from all walks of life, not just insiders in the traditional venture capital community, a chance to compete for resources to start their own companies. The finalists were selected by an expert panel of judges from companies such as Google, Grand-Central, Slide and Pownce and are currently in the running for the top three spots. Anyone can cast a vote through 11:59 p.m., April 30. Winners will be announced on May 23.

The deadline is fast approaching to vote for your favorite new business idea in the “You Be the VC” competition. Votes must be cast at [www.youbethevc.com](http://www.youbethevc.com) by 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2008, to be counted in the judging of America’s best new company concepts.

Finalists are Covell Allen of Arizona; Gil Allouche, Tim O’Rourke, Michael McCarthy of Massachusetts; Raymond Angel of Indiana; Juan Carvajal, Leon Gomez of Florida; Andre Charoo, Dan McLellan, Peter Ciancarelli of New York; Pete Coppola, Tyler Davis, Eric Zurbrugg of Georgia; Joe DiPasquale of Connecticut; John Lynn of Nevada; Michael O’Neil of Ohio; Joe Uwazurike, James Clavin of North Carolina; and Volodymyr Zakrevskyy of Virginia.

To vote, register at [www.youbethevc.com](http://www.youbethevc.com).