

# Press Release



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## Over 300 Professionals to Attend Startup Quest™ Information Session

**Clearwater, FL (August 14, 2014)** - With less than a month until the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Startup Quest™ Information Session, over 300 underemployed or unemployed degree holding professionals from the Tampa Bay area have already registered to attend.

Startup Quest™, an entrepreneurship training program, connects teams of qualified participants with successful entrepreneurs and business professionals to learn the steps needed to transform an invention or cutting-edge technology into a product for the marketplace. This will be the second training session held in Pinellas County. To date, over 165 Tampa Bay professionals have graduated the Startup Quest™ program.

“High enrollment numbers in the program indicates a strong entrepreneurial spirit in the region,” says Ed Peachey, President and CEO of CareerSource Pinellas. “The mindset seems to be shifting from finding a job to job creation.”

The Startup Quest™ Information Session will be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Feather Sound Country Club from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Advance registration is suggested at <http://bit.ly/URom0s>. Additional information is available by contacting Kate Head at 813-397-2060 or [headk@careersourcetampabay.com](mailto:headk@careersourcetampabay.com).

### About Startup Quest™

CareerSource Pinellas is one of eight local workforce boards in Florida that offers the Startup Quest™ program to the professional community. The success of the 2011 Startup Quest™ pilot program in the CareerSource North Central Florida region led to the program’s national recognition and expansion to a total of eight regions in Florida. For more, visit [www.startupquest.org](http://www.startupquest.org). Startup Quest™ is part of an evaluation study funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. Participants will be selected from among eligible applicants. Data collected will remain confidential and will be used for statistical purposes only. Startup Quest™ is an equal opportunity program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

### About CareerSource Pinellas

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