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Montana High Tech Business Alliance Announces Eight Montana Startups to Watch in 2018

MISSOULA, MONTANA, February 23, 2018 – The Montana High Tech Business Alliance has announced a list of eight Montana Startups to Watch in 2018. The recognition is designed to shine a spotlight on promising early-stage high-tech and manufacturing companies in the state and give visibility to Montana’s robust entrepreneurial ecosystem.

At the request of the Alliance, experts at Next Frontier Capital, Frontier Angels, Montana Manufacturing Extension Center, MSU Blackstone LaunchPad, and UM Blackstone LaunchPad nominated early-stage companies they believe to be promising. To select the eight finalists, the Alliance identified companies with ten or fewer employees that fit at least two of the following criteria:

- Steep revenue growth and/or are working in a high-growth sector
- Poised to launch high-potential products or services
- Own or are developing valuable intellectual property
- On track to land major clients or enter new markets
- Plan to expand operations or add a significant number of jobs in 2018
- Have management teams led by experienced entrepreneurs or top experts in their fields

The eight Montana Startups to Watch in 2018 include:

1. Cowboy Cricket Farms, Belgrade
2. DermaXon, Missoula
3. Elebase.io, Whitefish
4. GeoFli, Missoula
5. Inimmune, Missoula
6. PinnaCal, LLC, Corvallis
7. Sellout, Bozeman
8. Triple Tree, Bozeman

Company profiles are hosted at <https://mthightech.org/montana-startups-2018/>.

“Montana has been ranked one of the top five states for startups for the last five years in a row,” said Christina Henderson, executive director of the Montana High Tech Business Alliance. “Technology has removed geographic barriers to growth, and these startups are indicative of the opportunities tech brings to a landscape like Montana.”

According to a [2017 report funded by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation](#), Montana boasts a high level of entrepreneurship, dense networks of support, global businesses, high quality workforce, and high quality of life that make it a unique hotbed of startup activity. This report can be found at <https://mthightech.org/montana-entrepreneurship-ecosystems>.

This article is the first in a three-part series. Future articles will highlight Montana high growth companies and top tech employers. The 2018 Montana High Tech Industry survey will be released March 1.

The Montana High Tech Business Alliance is a statewide membership organization made up of more than 320 high tech and manufacturing firms and affiliates. Search Montana career opportunities at MTHighTech.org/Jobs. Photos, logo, and list of members by city may be downloaded at MTHighTech.org/Media.



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