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Oregon RAIN to Offer Network of Support and Resources to Lowell Entrepreneurs
RAIN Invites Lowell Innovators to a Free Coffee Meetup on December 7

Lowell, Ore. — Do you have an idea for a startup? Have you invented a product and need help getting it to market? Or do you need help expanding your business outside of Oregon? Oregon RAIN, a state and regionally funded entrepreneurial support group, will soon be offering assistance and resources to Lowell innovators.

RAIN, which stands for the Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network, is hosting a FREE Coffee Meetup on Thursday, December 7, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., at Giddy Goat Coffee (131 W Main St., Lowell). This event is for anyone who may have an interest in entrepreneurship — from those thinking about starting a business to those wanting to invest in or mentor startups.

Startup Lowell Coffee Meetup

December 7 | 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Giddy Goat Coffee | 131 W Main St

(FREE - includes coffee and pastries)

RSVP online at <http://bit.ly/LowellCoffeeMeetup>

RAIN has successfully launched entrepreneurial outreach programs in the rural Oregon communities of Albany, Florence, Lebanon and Lincoln County. It also supports two business accelerators in Eugene and Corvallis, and pre-accelerators in Florence and Newport.

“At Oregon RAIN we believe good ideas can come from anywhere, and our job is to connect those entrepreneurs to the people, programs, and capital they need to launch and grow businesses in their communities,” said Oregon RAIN Venture Catalyst Caroline Cummings. “We’re excited to meet Lowell innovators and learn about what they need to succeed.”

RAIN’s local partners include, the City of Lowell, the Small Business Development Center, and Lane County.

“We’re very excited about our new partnership with RAIN,” said Lowell City Administrator Jared Cobb. “RAIN offers an innovative approach to economic development that will help launch new businesses in Lowell and grow our existing businesses, as well.”

About Oregon RAIN

The Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network (RAIN) is an Oregon consortium of government, higher education, and the business community. RAIN was founded by the State of Oregon’s Regional Solutions network and funded by the 77th Oregon State Legislative Assembly to advance the formation of high-growth innovative startup companies located in Lane, Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties.

In coordination with the Cities of Corvallis and Eugene, as well as communities throughout the region, RAIN is partnered with two accelerators to create a collaborative environment to assist entrepreneurs in establishing viable companies that generate jobs, wealth and opportunities for the region. RAIN Corvallis is served by the Oregon State University Advantage Accelerator. The RAIN Eugene Accelerator is a partnership between the University of Oregon and the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce. RAIN also recently partnered with the City of Florence, Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo and the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County to launch two pre-accelerator programs serving the mid-coast region. One is based in Florence and the other in Newport. For more information about RAIN, visit www.oregonrain.org.

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