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### **Business, idea applications now available for second Energy Innovators Pitch Challenge**

(Lafayette, LA) – INNOV8 Acadiana, LLC, a Community Foundation of Acadiana (CFA) company, has teamed up with LAGCOE to connect the best emerging energy innovators with investors ready to move their business ideas forward by hosting the second Energy Innovators Pitch Challenge, a “Shark Tank” style pitch competition. The competition will be held on Wed., Oct. 26, 2016, as part of the LAGCOE Education & Innovation Summit, a two day event hosted by LAGCOE Oct. 26-27, 2016.

“We are excited to continue great programming this year, including our partnership with INNOV8 Acadiana, to find and help launch emerging energy innovations,” said Angela Cring, LAGCOE executive director. “These two days will be full of great speakers and events that will appeal to a wide audience.”

Applicants may submit their innovation business plan through Oct. 16, 2016. Rules and links to all details of the event can be found at [LAGCOE.com/events/energy-pitch](http://LAGCOE.com/events/energy-pitch). All energy related businesses and ideas are encouraged to participate. The top five selected candidates will be notified the week of October 16 and will be given free pitch training to help them prepare for the event. Cash, awards, and in-kind prizes will be given away at the event and everyone pitching will have access to investors.

Accredited investors are welcome to attend, meet the presenters, and exchange information for follow-up vetting during a brief social after the innovator showcase that will begin at 1:00 p.m.

For more information regarding INNOV8 Acadiana, please visit [innov8acadiana.org](http://innov8acadiana.org) or contact executive director, Pete Prados, at 337.739.5850. Like INNOV8 Acadiana on Facebook for more updates on events and future meetups.

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INNOV8 Acadiana, a Community Foundation of Acadiana Company, is a non-profit organization that connects innovators with mentors and investors, hosts monthly and annual events, and helps individuals around Acadiana get to the next level of success.

LAGCOE is a nonprofit organization that serves the oil and gas industry by hosting one of the world's pioneer oil and gas expositions. LAGCOE 2017 will be held October 24-26, 2017 at The Cajundome & Convention Center in Lafayette, LA. LAGCOE is a first-rate exposition where world class oil and gas industry companies display the latest equipment and services and technical sessions address pertinent issues from across the globe. In 2015, LAGCOE welcomed 450 exhibitors and more than 16,400 attendees from 49 states and 40 countries. Learn more at [LAGCOE.com](http://LAGCOE.com).