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## **TiE Seattle launches its newest program TiE Angels Group Seattle – TAGS, an Angel Investment Group to facilitate angel funding for companies in the Northwest**



Seattle, WA – **TiE Seattle** (<http://seattle.tie.org/>) today announced that it has launched its newest program **TiE Angels Group Seattle** or **TAGS** (<http://www.tieangelsseattle.org/>). This latest program aligns with and extends TiE Seattle’s goal of nurturing entrepreneurship in the Northwest. TAGS’s mission is to facilitate entrepreneurs and startups with access to seed capital, mentorship, and provide a backbone to build successful companies. TAGS principally comprises Charter Members of TiE Seattle.

“We’re thrilled to launch this important new initiative at TiE Seattle. We believe that with TAGS in place, TiE Seattle is in a unique position to truly help entrepreneurs from “ideas to success” given our various programs that cover networking, mentoring, education and now funding. Our robust group of Charter Members wants to support our community’s entrepreneurs every step of their journey” said Srivats Srinivasan, President of TiE Seattle.

Entrepreneurs and companies in the Northwest seeking angel investment can apply for funding through the TAGS website. Applications will be pre-screened by domain experts and members of the Steering Committee. Short listed companies will then be invited for a presentation and a Q&A session with the Steering Committee, and if they further qualify, this will be followed by a presentation to the full TAGS membership.

Accredited investors can apply for TAGS membership and have access to a high quality deal flow and an opportunity to invest in startups that have gone through diligent and arduous pre-screening and scrutiny by domain experts. TAGS members will attend monthly events where shortlisted companies will present. TAGS members will subsequently make individual and independent decisions about their level of investment and involvement with these companies. These meetings also provide social and professional opportunities for members to broaden their networks with like-minded individuals and community leaders, as they learn about the latest technological trends.

TAGS will pursue symbiotic collaboration and partnerships with angel groups, accelerators, VCs, other organizations in the Northwest, and other TiE chapters that share a similar vision, to be able to meet or exceed the support entrepreneurs seek to take them to the next level and build successful companies.



“I’m excited at the opportunity to spearhead this vital new initiative for TiE Seattle,” said Haresh Ved, Chair of the TAGS program. “As a long time TiE Charter Member, I’ve often felt that TiE’s efforts had a gap in our support for entrepreneurs. Now, besides providing capital, an essential element for startups, TAGS provides a structured and complete ecosystem where entrepreneurs, investors, partners and sponsors can benefit from the breadth and depth of experience of TiE Seattle Charter Members and community leaders” concluded Ved.

TiE Seattle is a registered nonprofit organization, and TAGS is an angel investment program of TiE Seattle. Please visit our website at <http://seattle.tie.org/>. For volunteering, partnership and sponsorship opportunities please contact us at [admin.tags@tieseattle.org](mailto:admin.tags@tieseattle.org).

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