

TechStart Grant Awardees

February 7, 2012 Application Deadline

100 Word Non-Confidential Project Summaries

All awardees will be contacted by MTI within 5 business days.

TS0040 - Business Planning for Advanced Products Company

O'Grady LLC - New Gloucester

Advanced Products Company is a Maine-based manufactured products innovator with expertise in nonwovens, precision fabrication and thermo plastics. By combining its expertise in these areas we look to produce a range of composite materials and value-add products designed for the Medical and various OEM industries. The scope of this project is to create a comprehensive business plan outlining product offerings.

Award: \$5,000

Match: \$5,700

Sector: Composite Materials Technology

TS0058 - iPad App Technology Transfer

Northeast Hearing & Speech Center Inc. – Portland

Bring new technology service to market to address a major issue in the effective deployment of new Augmentative and Alternative Communication devices and communication therapy apps used with iPads. NHS staff is piloting iPads and apps for speech and communication therapy, allowing quick access to vocabulary building, sequencing, phonological awareness and, for children with severely limited language output, a cutting-edge, speech-generating app developed in Amsterdam called Proloquo2go. We wish to develop a new service line of technical training/support in programming and customization for parents, teachers, and early intervention specialists and gather evidence about technology's suitability as a durable medical device.

Award: \$5,000

Match: \$5,700

Sector: Information Technology

TS0062 - Business Plan Development/Market Analysis

Brightwater Bay Science LLC – Portland

Brightwater Bay Science, LLC's mission is to help reduce the incidence of skin cancers and premature aging of the skin through product innovation and education. The purpose of this project is to begin a market analysis and develop a business plan for a unique sunscreen that incorporates several marine compounds, two of which are sustainably harvested in Maine. The formula aims to incorporate unique use of marine ingredients which will reduce or eliminate the need for chemical sun blockers, will meet enhanced FDA standards, and will be cosmetically desirable to consumers.

Award: \$3,600

Match: \$5,600

Sector: Biotechnology