

Contest to Help Entrepreneurs “Dream Big”

Iowa’s MyEntre.Net program, through the University of Northern Iowa (UNI), has announced a new “Dream Big Grow Here” contest for entrepreneurs and small businesses in Iowa. Since the beginning of June, businesses statewide can compete monthly to win \$1,000 to help bring their business concept to reality or help their business to grow here in Iowa.

It is designed to encourage entrepreneurs to move one step closer to making their business ideas a reality or give a hand to existing business owners with dreams for the future. Contest participants can submit a video or email about their business idea, share their dreams for starting or growing their Iowa company and express what it means to them to be in business in Iowa.

Visitors to “Dream Big Grow Here” will have the opportunity to vote on the ideas they like the best. Every month, through the rest of 2010, one lucky entrepreneur will pocket \$1,000. This is another way that Iowa is investing in our state’s small businesses and entrepreneurs.

As of June 2nd, entries can be sent to the website www.DreamBigGrowHere.com. Voting begins on the 16th of each month and ends on the last day of the month. Individuals will be able to vote for their favorite ideas once per day. The entry with the most votes at the end of each voting period will be that month’s “Dream Big Grow Here” contest winner.

Visitors to the new site will also find celebrity blog posts from some of Iowa’s foremost entrepreneurs talking about business in Iowa.

For more information on the competition, and for complete rules, see www.DreamBigGrowHere.com or contact MyEntre.Net at info@myentre.net.

MyEntre.Net is a support system that offers small-business owners the opportunity to network with fellow entrepreneurs, obtain technical assistance, and learn about available sources. It is administered by the UNI Regional Business Center and funded through Iowa’s Economic Development budget.