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**NASDAQ and SPRINGBOARD GO ALL OUT FOR ENTREPRENEURS
Announcing a New Seminar Series – “Equity Matters: The Route to NASDAQ”**

San Francisco, CA, April 2009 – In answer to the ubiquitous question, “What’s the Exit Strategy,” venture-catalyst Springboard Enterprises, with support from NASDAQ OMX Educational Foundation, has launched a seminar series to help innovative companies craft a successful strategy for accessing capital markets.

Drawing on the expertise of thousands of successful entrepreneurs, lenders, and investors who have participated in Springboard programs since 2000, the seminar covers the various financing options available to growing companies and provides the attendees with actionable information directly from the lenders, investors and successful entrepreneurs. The financiers offer their insights on what they look for in a business and the entrepreneurs tell how they’ve made those dollars work for them. All attendees participate in a special workshop designed to demystify the process of producing financial projections.

“In order for entrepreneurs to get busy building their companies they need access to both human and financial capital,” said Amy Millman, President of Springboard Enterprises. “Over the years, we’ve tapped into the best sources – the investors and lenders who provide the financing and the entrepreneurs who have figured out how to employ those dollars to build world class ventures.”

Eight seminars will be hosted in 2009 and 2010 in cities across the U.S. including San Francisco, CA May 21; Dallas, TX June 2009; and Madison, WI September 30. Other venues will be announced.

For more information on Springboard Enterprises visit www.springboardenterprises.org and for more information about the NASDAQ OMX Educational Foundation visit <http://www.nasdaqomx.com/>.

About Springboard Enterprises

Venture-Catalyst **Springboard Enterprises** is the go-to organization for information about and support for entrepreneurial ventures led by women. Springboard sources, qualifies, coaches, showcases and supports high growth potential companies seeking equity capital for product development and expansion. The 380 companies presented at Springboard forums have raised over \$4 billion in equity, grants and corporate investments and delivered positive returns to their investors including seven IPOs listed on the NASDAQ.

About NASDAQ OMX Education Foundation

The mission of the NASDAQ OMX Educational Foundation is to promote learning about capital formation, financial markets and entrepreneurship through innovative educational programs. It was established in New York City in 1994 and is supported entirely by contributions from The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc.

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