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## Eight companies start in business accelerator

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Eight companies were in the inaugural class of the Eugene RAIN business accelerator that launched Monday.

The accelerator is an intensive 12-week mentorship and business development program.

The program is part of a broader state-backed economic development initiative called RAIN, which stands for Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network.

RAIN's goal is to pool the resources of the University of Oregon and Oregon State University; the cities of Eugene, Springfield, Corvallis and Albany; and the business communities of Lane, Linn and Benton counties.

The aim is to turn new technologies into companies and create well-paid jobs in the southern Willamette Valley.

These are the first companies in the Eugene accelerator:

ADASA Inc., radio-frequency identification-enabling retailers to more closely track inventory and compete with online retailers.

Black Lodge Design Lab, environmentally friendly building materials using nanocellulose.

BT Biotech, over-the-counter home test for chlamydia.

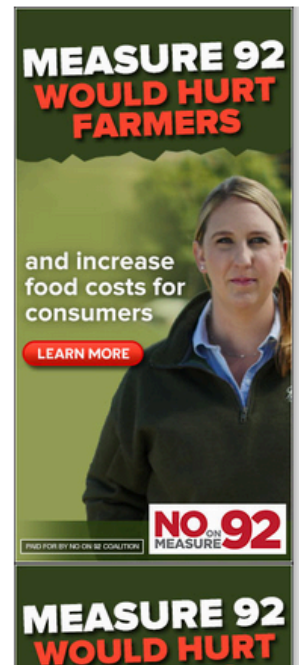
Dune Sciences Inc., antibacterial textile coatings.

Heads of State, a new style of hat the founders describe as "a billboard for the things people love."

LawyerBoom, a Web platform to help people shop for the best legal representation at the best price.

Manage My Co-op, Web-based software to manage group buying processes.

SCAPE, a tool to aid collaboration among technical teams, such as scientists or software developers.



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