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OTTAWA, Ontario, November 9, 2012 – Today Invest Ottawa announces its selection of 100 Rising Stars, CEOs from companies across the National Capital Region. They operate everything from innovative high tech firms, to fashion and food enterprises, to social businesses and charities. The Top 25 will be celebrated on Friday Nov. 16 at the first-ever Ottawa Entrepreneurship Awards as part of Global Entrepreneurship Week Ottawa.

"Celebrating our Rising Star leaders is important. By starting new companies, they are carrying the mandate for wealth and job creation in our region," says Bruce Lazenby, CEO of Invest Ottawa. "I'd urge anyone concerned with building Ottawa's innovation engine to come out and support these entrepreneurs while we formally celebrate their accomplishments. They are the leading indicators of our community's future success."

Invest Ottawa is working with nearly 20 community organizations to organize Global Entrepreneurship Week Ottawa (#GEW Ottawa) November 12-18. They were asked to submit nominations for the 100 Rising Stars among leaders who operate a business, social enterprise or charitable organization. To be chosen as a Rising Star, the key criteria included creativity, growth of the operation, and overall impact in the community.

In addition to the Top 25 Rising Stars, Invest Ottawa is giving out awards to the Entrepreneurship Support Organization of the Year as well as an individual who will be recognized as the Entrepreneurship Community Builder. The awards event is just one of some 50 events taking place across the National Capital Region during GEW Ottawa. For full details on the week visit, www.GEWOttawa.ca

Ottawa Entrepreneurship Awards

WHEN: Friday, November 16, 2012
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

WHERE: SIDEDOOR Contemporary Kitchen and Bar
20 York Street in the Byward Market
Media are welcome

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OTTAWA'S 100 RISING STARS

Adam Winchester – Winlife Health and Fitness Solutions

Alexander Rink – 360pi

Alia El Banna – KIWI Choice, Inc.

Allan Silburt – Insight Design Labs Inc.

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