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## **Rocket Ventures' Algae Initiative Seminar Featured on *Knowledge Stream***

TOLEDO, OH - Over 100 Researchers, industry collaborators, members of the algae supply chain network and members of the academic community were in attendance at Rocket Ventures' Algae Initiative seminar. The event featured three distinguished proponents of Ohio's new and expanding capability to intensively grow and harvest algae for conversion to biofuels, bioresins, and industrial products. Because of the valuable information discussed, the event was selected as a feature segment on *Knowledge Stream*, a Self-Enhancing Learning Community from WGTE Public Media.

The seminar, hosted by Steve Weathers, president and CEO of the Regional Growth Partnership, featured, Dr. Robert Verb Associate Professor, Ohio Northern University who discussed the latest research in freshwater algae and which species would work well for biofuels and Dr. Ben Stuart, Director of the Biofuels Research Lab, Ohio University, who showcased Ohio University's role as a national leader for growing algae as feedstock and new growth opportunities in the industry. The final speaker was Ross Youngs, Successful entrepreneur and CEO of Univenture, Inc., whose company is in the process of implementing a system to generate up to 20 new companies in Ohio that produce algae feedstock for use in biodiesel and other bio-oil products.

"Rocket Ventures is so pleased to have sponsored such an important seminar. The exchange of knowledge and ideas that occurred at the Algae Initiative is invaluable," said David Miller, Rocket Ventures business development manager. "We believe sharing information is one of the most effective ways to advance alternative energy research and inspire ecological stewardship and we are thrilled that WGTE has chosen to feature this important event on their highly regarded program, *Knowledge Stream*," he continued.

*Knowledge Steam* is an online archive of free, video-on-demand multimedia resources for the public and for educators. The Algae Initiative in its entirety can be found online at the following link:

<http://www.knowledgestream.org/kstream/search.asp?keyword=Science+%26+Nature>.

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**About Rocket Ventures**

Rocket Ventures, a division of the Regional Growth Partnership, is a pre-seed, early stage venture fund for technology-based entities/companies operating within the state of Ohio. It consists of \$15 million in state funding and \$7.5 million in private sector investment.

**About The Regional Growth Partnership**

The Regional Growth Partnership is a private nonprofit development corporation dedicated to fostering local, national and international economic growth opportunities for Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan.

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