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Columbus – Bluemile, Inc. is proud to be a sponsor of the Center of Entrepreneurship’s New Venture Accelerator (10x) at The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business. Bluemile will serve as sponsor of the program and our executives will serve as mentors and experts.

Bluemile will provide the 10x teams with a packaged solution that includes a premium Virtual Data Center (VDC) with a business grade cloud server bundle, a system based firewall, and a top-tier backup solution using dual locations for additional protection. This package will include vCloud Director and will be accessed through our enterprise grade network, constructed with hardware and software that combine extremely fast data transfer speeds with the highest level of security. With this sponsorship, Bluemile will provide the 10x teams with a world-class VDC built to inspire innovation and augment business growth to make their vision a reality.

“We look forward to mentoring these innovative minds and providing access to our cloud product which is the platform for web-based business,” said Michael Marlowe, President and Co-Founder of Bluemile. “This is a natural fit for Bluemile, our cloud promotes idea growth, which leads to innovation.”

10x and Bluemile will be providing these resources to Ohio’s New Entrepreneurs (ONE) pilot program. The program, developed by The Ohio Third Frontier and The Ohio State University’s Fisher College of Business, is designed to attract and retain the best and brightest talent to Ohio to support the state’s economic development.

10x’s mission is to find the best technology entrepreneurial teams who will provide funding and mentoring to technology start-ups, helping them develop and refine their ideas and build their businesses.

“These teams represent the type of talent we want to attract and keep in Ohio to allow our economy to flourish,” said Mark D. Kvamme, Director of Job Creation for the State of Ohio. “This is just the beginning of what is hopefully a long career for them as top entrepreneurs. I look forward to seeing their progress.”

"10x is excited to have Bluemile as a sponsor of the program and the founders actively mentoring in the program," said Michael Camp, executive director for the Center for Entrepreneurship at Ohio State. "The Bluemile team brings the quality experience and insight needed for our young participating entrepreneurs. And, the Bluemile infrastructure for web hosting, data storage, and cloud-based processing will be a great asset to the teams and will surely accelerate these young ventures."

About The 10xelerator

10xelerator is a mentorship-driven investment program designed for energetic game-changing entrepreneurs. 10x is partnering with Ohio's New Entrepreneur (ONE) Fund, an innovative business accelerator launched as a pilot program and designed to attract and retain the best and brightest talent.

About The ONE Fund

The ONE Fund is an entrepreneurial competition that focuses on the professional development of young technology entrepreneurs as they learn what it takes to start a business in Ohio. The group will consist of competitively selected teams made up of two to five people. The 10 teams were selected in May and will begin work in June. The teams will be provided \$20,000 per team for business and living expenses, and will work under the guidance of seasoned entrepreneurs, industry experts, and investors to prepare technology concepts and business models that will be presented to investors at the culmination of the 11-week program.

About Bluemile

Bluemile makes technology an easy-to-use utility. Your power company meets the demands of your business – so should your data center. Bluemile's premium cloud solutions scale to your demand, making your business more competitive. Bluemile provides solutions that power enterprise companies, service providers and municipalities. These solutions include cloud, virtual data center, disaster recovery, test and development, backup, fiber, and colocation. Bluemile owns and operates a national optical and IP network, highly redundant data center and enterprise cloud infrastructure that is powered by EMC, VCE, VMware, Dell and Cisco. The Bluemile network is currently operational in Columbus, New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Cleveland with expansion underway into the Boston and Chicago markets. Bluemile has become the 26th fastest growing company in their business space and 3rd fastest growing company in Ohio and ranked #599 on the Inc. 500/5000, an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies.