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**HELP WANTED AT VENTURE-BACKED START-UPS: JOBS
AVAILABLE IN ALL 50 STATES**

***NVCA and StartUpHire Highlight Venture-Backed Job Openings across U.S. for
Global Entrepreneurship Week***

November 17, 2009, Arlington, VA -- The National Venture Capital Association (NVCA) and job board StartUpHire today published data that shows job openings exist at venture-backed companies in every continental U.S. state. There are nearly 11,000 jobs available at more than 2,500 companies nationwide. The NVCA and StartUpHire have partnered during this year's Global Entrepreneurship Week to celebrate the critical importance of entrepreneurs to the economy and to society.

Not surprisingly, the location of these jobs mirrors the geographic clusters known for active venture capital investing. California has the most job openings on StartUpHire at 39% followed by Massachusetts (7.9%), New York (7%), Texas (6%) and Washington State (3.7%).

Regionally, the Mid-Atlantic States have more collective jobs available at 13% than New England at 9%. The Southeast accounts for 8% of the opportunities on StartUpHire, more than the Mid-West (6%), Texas (6%) or the DC region (5%).

“While there are clear hotbeds of investment, every state enjoys some level of venture activity,” said Mark Heesen, president of the NVCA. “Venture-backed start-ups have the potential to transform communities and grow economies as we have seen in areas such as San Diego, Research Triangle, and Austin, Texas. Consequently, we consistently are asked by policy makers and economic development leaders about the right formula for growing venture capital ecosystems. The answer is to support start-ups as these companies start small but soon grow to be significant job creators and contributors to local economies.”

The following breakdown shows the number of jobs currently available at venture-backed companies by state:

Venture Backed Jobs on StartUpHire.com by State

State	Jobs Available	% of Total	State	Jobs Available	% of Total
CA	4166	38.98%	NH	66	0.62%
MA	845	7.91%	KS	58	0.54%
NY	750	7.02%	NV	46	0.43%
TX	641	6.00%	SC	33	0.31%
WA	399	3.73%	IA	32	0.30%
PA	359	3.36%	RI	29	0.27%
VA	286	2.68%	NE	29	0.27%
IL	267	2.50%	MO	29	0.27%
FL	265	2.48%	NM	26	0.24%
GA	247	2.31%	ND	26	0.24%
NJ	208	1.95%	LA	21	0.20%
MD	178	1.67%	AL	19	0.18%
CO	170	1.59%	KY	19	0.18%
NC	166	1.55%	OK	17	0.16%
(Not Specified)	163	1.52%	MS	17	0.16%
OH	134	1.25%	VT	14	0.13%
AZ	127	1.19%	AR	13	0.12%
UT	106	0.99%	DE	10	0.09%
MI	100	0.94%	MT	9	0.08%
MN	100	0.94%	ID	8	0.07%
IN	96	0.90%	HI	7	0.07%
OR	90	0.84%	SD	4	0.04%
TN	77	0.72%	ME	3	0.03%
WI	71	0.66%	AK	2	0.02%
DC	68	0.64%	WV	2	0.02%
CT	68	0.64%	WY	1	0.01%
			Grand Total	10687	100.00%

Please visit the NVCA and StartUpHire websites each day this week to see more detail about job availability at venture-backed companies:

- Wednesday, November 18 – venture-backed job openings parsed by industry
- Thursday, November 19 – venture-backed job openings listed by function (marketing, sales, etc.)
- Friday, November 20 – release of start-up “short stories”: 140 character testimonials from venture-backed employers and employees. Tell us your start-up story at www.startuphire.com/stories



The **National Venture Capital Association (NVCA)** represents more than 400 venture capital firms in the United States. NVCA's mission is to foster greater understanding of the importance of venture capital to the U.S. economy, and support entrepreneurial activity and innovation. According to a 2009 Global Insight study, venture-backed companies accounted for 12.1 million jobs and \$2.9 trillion in revenue in the U.S. in 2008. The NVCA represents the public policy interests of the venture capital community, strives to maintain high professional standards, provides reliable industry data, sponsors professional development, and facilitates interaction among its members. For more information about the NVCA, please visit www.nvca.org.

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