

## CALL FOR PRESENTERS OPEN FOR ANNUAL INNOVATION SUMMIT

*The Juneau Economic Development Council Accepts Presenter Applications for both days of the Summit*

**November 27, 2017 [JUNEAU, AK]** -- The [Juneau Economic Development Council](#) [JEDC] announces that its 2018 [Innovation Summit](#) is accepting speaker proposals for the February 21-22, 2018 event in Juneau, AK. Two portions of the Innovation Summit are open for speakers from Juneau, other parts of Alaska, and beyond: Innovation Shorts and the Entrepreneur Pitch Contest. Interested industry experts, entrepreneurs, researchers, seasoned business owners, inventors, etc. interested in speaking at the Innovation Summit can submit their proposal by visiting [www.JEDC.org/innovation](http://www.JEDC.org/innovation).

The JEDC is seeking up to 30 presenters for the [Innovation Shorts](#) portion to showcase original topics through a 10-minute "Innovation Short." These condensed presentations offer Summit attendees a host of topics to learn about in a short amount of time; enough time to whet their intellectual curiosity. Presenters gain experience speaking publicly on their topic while growing their network and creating buzz. The application can be found [here](#).

The JEDC is also seeking 5 Alaska entrepreneurs/innovators for the [Pitch Contest](#) to pitch their vision in front of the ultimate panel – Innovation Summit attendees. Entrepreneurs will have 5 minutes to pitch their business concept in front of Summit attendees and seasoned business owners. Attendees will crowdfund a cash prize for the winner(s) to take home at the end of the session. Presenters gain experience speaking publicly on their topic while growing their network and creating buzz around their business. More information can be found [here](#) and the application can be downloaded [here](#).

The Innovation Summit is scheduled to take place February 21 through February 22, 2018 at Centennial Hall in downtown Juneau.

The annual Innovation Summit is recognized as the largest gathering of business professionals in Southeast Alaska and as one of Alaska's most educational/inspirational conferences by its attendees. The Summit focuses on providing insight and guidance from prominent thought leaders, experts and doers. Interested parties can submit to present at the Innovation Summit by filling out a short speaker application no later than **January 15, 2018**. For questions regarding the speaking proposal or process, please contact Dana Herndon at [dherndon@jedc.org](mailto:dherndon@jedc.org).

To enhance the experience for conference attendees, the Juneau Economic Development Council is also actively seeking sponsors for the Summit. For more information, please email [dherndon@jedc.org](mailto:dherndon@jedc.org) with questions or call 523-2324.