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INNOVATIVE OKLAHOMA COMPANIES FEATURED IN THE OKLAHOMAN

- [Norman firm forecasts flooding locations for clients nationwide](#)
 - [Stillwater company's products really are out of this world](#)
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FY 2016 PLANT FUNDING CYCLE OPENS FEBRUARY 1, 2016

OCAST's FY 2016 Basic Plant Science Research funding cycle opened February 1. Funding information is available on the OCAST website at www.ok.gov/ocast/Funding/Solicitations, and the program's application is available online through OKGrants at <https://grants.ok.gov>.

For FY16, only basic plant science research projects will be accepted under the Plant Science program. Applied plant science projects should be submitted under the Oklahoma Applied Research Support (OARS) funding cycle, which is currently open.

Statements of intent are not required and applications are due Wednesday, April 13, at 5 pm. User manuals are available for download by clicking the My Training Materials link at the top right of the OKGrants screens.

For assistance in OKGrants, please contact Laura at laura.sohl-smith@ocast.ok.gov.

THIRD ANNUAL MANUFACTURING LUNCHEON HELD

On Thursday, January 28, OCAST's Tulsa regional partners hosted the third annual Manufacturing Networking Luncheon. In attendance was a select contingent of business professionals and resource partners.

The goal of this luncheon was to bring together some of the best in the technology and manufacturing industry to share knowledge and encourage regional business collaboration.

During periods of economic downturn, it becomes more important than ever to pool regional resources to obtain a greater end result. By networking regional manufacturers and support partners, it allows businesses to combine their efforts in commercializing new products, processes and innovations, with OCAST acting as a trusted agent in making those connections.

INVENTORS ASSISTANCE SERVICE TO HOLD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS WEBINAR

Hosted by Jessica Stewart, IAS Program Manager, Oklahoma State University New Product Development Center will host a FAQ webinar February 25 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Topics for discussion include ideas versus inventions, how to apply to the Inventors Assistance Service, review processes and additional IAS services offered. Questions are encouraged.

There are 25 spaces available for the webinar. To register for the event please email your name and RSVP to invent@okstate.edu. The webinar will be hosted on GoTo Meeting and login information will be sent upon registration.

For more information about the Inventors Assistance Service, please visit <http://npdc.okstate.edu>, email us at invent@okstate.edu, or call us at 405-744-8727.

ENTREPRENEUR WORKSPACE OPENS IN TULSA

On Monday, January 25, Tulsa launched its new entrepreneurial hub, 36 Degrees North (36°N), a collaborative, nonprofit organization supported by the George Kaiser Family Foundation, Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation, Tulsa Regional Chamber, Tulsa Tech Center, Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma.

With more than 11,000 square feet of work, collaboration and event space in the heart of the Brady Arts District, 36°N aims to be the central gathering point for Tulsa's entrepreneurial community, resources and programs.

Entrepreneurs can attend one of the monthly meet-ups hosted at 36°N like Tulsa Web Devs and Cultivate918, or they can attend weekly workshops for \$20. Individuals looking for a more regular workspace can sign up for a coworking membership for \$149/month. Memberships include coffee, internet, workshops, mentors and conference room reservations. Additional features like 24-hour access, dedicated desks or private offices are available for growing teams. More information can be found at www.36degreesnorth.co.