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Eight area companies to present at 2005 InvestMidwest

Eight of the 28 companies chosen to present at the 2005 [InvestMidwest Venture Capital Forum](#) are from the St. Louis area.

Of the 80 applications received from 17 states, 29 companies from 12 states were chosen to present at the event, scheduled for April 21-22 at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City.

The forum provides high-growth companies a chance to present themselves to prospective investors. Presenters are chosen based on their potential to generate \$20 million in annual revenue growth within five years and on their management teams, products or services, marketing strategies, market opportunities and financial summaries, event organizers said.

The five St. Louis-based life sciences companies that were chosen to present include [Akermin Inc.](#), [Chlorogen Inc.](#), [Graphic Surgery LLC](#), [ISW Group Inc.](#) and [Kereos Inc.](#) The information technology and general business track companies chosen were [AssistGuide Inc.](#) of St. Louis and Kailua, Hawaii; [Global Velocity](#); and [Tsunami Research](#).

Since the forum's inception in 2000, presenting companies have raised more than \$200 million in equity investments.

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