LOWELL - June 10, 2013 - Ten medical device entrepreneurs pitched their ideas yesterday to a panel of experienced angel investors at an Eastern Bank-sponsored event, held at the headquarters for M2D2 - the Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center, which helps start-up businesses collaborate with the UMass Lowell and Worcester campuses on the development of new medical devices and technologies.

Mic Williams (Founder & President), Boris Batchvarov (Managing Director) and other Investors from Boston Harbor Angels joined Eastern Bank representatives Louie Soares and Wendy Alvarez as well as Jinge Wu of RWP Capital Partners to evaluate pitches from several of the entrepreneurs representing the start-up companies housed at the M2D2 incubator at 600 Suffolk Street, Lowell, including:

- Nancy Briefs, CEO, Infobionic;
- Mark Mendell, VP of R&D, Flow Forward Medical LLC;
- Andrew Carter, CTO, TheraCell;
- and Robert Thompson, Managing Partner, Vista Scientific.

Like the TV show "Shark Tank," all had to answer tough questions from the panel of investors regarding their technologies, current stage of development and financial projections. Approximately 50 people attended the event.
M2D2 is helping new medical device entrepreneurs connect with members of the financing community to pitch their marketable ideas and products. M2D2 helps develop products every step of the way, from proof-of-concept to commercialization. In addition to these services, the Commonwealth, under Governor Patrick's tenure, provided $4 million for the M2D2 innovation hub we are in today.

M2D2 has assisted about 40 start-up companies and entrepreneurs since the program kicked off in the spring of 2007. M2D2 has helped its companies secure over $20 million in funding. The incubator at the headquarters is nearly full with 14 client companies.

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