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# 2024 MS Gulf Coast Regional Pitch Competition Now Open for Business!

Applications are now open for the 3rd annual business concept pitch competition on May 31, 2024. Competitors are eligible to win \$10,000 in cash prizes and will be considered for a seat in the statewide Innovate Mississippi CoBuilders Accelerator program.

### MS Gulf Coast - April 5, 2024

The Meeting Place and Innovate Mississippi are excited to announce the official kick off of the 2023 MS Gulf Coast Regional Pitch Competition. Applications are now open to all marketable, scalable companies headquartered in any of the 6 lower counties in Mississippi.

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/94fLswkKU4f9Kun7>

- Applications will be accepted April 5 through April 26, 2024.
- Competitors work with a mentor through an introductory pitch and 2 practice rounds with feedback from judges at each level to prepare.
- Competition is open to the public at no cost and includes an audience participation component.
- Competition will be held live via zoom from 1-3 PM on Friday, May 31, 2024.
- Winners will be announced and awards will be handed out at the Biloxi Visitors Center on June 6, 2024.

"Creating a productive and supportive network for entrepreneurs is the heart of The Meeting Place's mission." - Geneva Dummer, Founder of The Meeting Place.

"The Gulf Coast has a ton of start up activity, founders, and investors and it's proven to be a place that people love to live and grow businesses" - Tony Jeff, President & CEO, Innovate Mississippi.

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*The Meeting Place is a business incubator and shared office facility with locations in Biloxi and Gulfport, MS offering cost effective office solutions for business owners since 2016.*

*Innovate Mississippi accelerates startups and drives entrepreneurship throughout the state.*

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