



# NORTHEAST ACQUIRERS

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### **Catapult 2024 Innovation Program Rules and Submission Instructions**

1. By submitting this entry, the entrant is agreeing to each of the rules as published in this document.
2. Each entrant must submit their entry of the approved Catapult 2024 Innovation Program entry form no later than 5pm Pacific time on Friday, March 1, 2024. Entries received after that time will not be accepted.
3. Each entry will be evaluated by the Catapult 2024 judges. Four entries will be chosen as finalists. All finalists will be notified by email end of day, Friday, March 22, 2024.
4. Each finalist will appear before the Catapult 2024 panel of judges and the NEAA attendees at the NEAA opening General Session on Wednesday April 3, 2024 (Catapult 2024 Program will be from 3:00pm to 5:00pm prior to the Opening Reception). The order of the finalists' appearance will be determined by an on-stage drawing of the numbers (1-2-3-4) by the finalists. Each finalist will have 10 minutes to present his/her product/innovation.
5. Each Finalist will be able to appear at the competition at no cost to the finalist. If the finalist wants to attend any of the rest of the conference, they must register as an attendee to receive the proper badge.
6. Finalists have until March 29, 2024 to submit their PowerPoint presentation to the NEAA.
7. Judges will rate the finalists on the following criteria:
  - a. Originality
  - b. Revenue opportunity
  - c. Presentation quality
  - d. Impact to the market
8. Prizes will be awarded as such:

**First Place:** Catapult 2024 Innovation Award Winner:

- \$1,000
- Complementary Exhibit space at 2025 NEAA

**Second Place:** Catapult 2024 Runner-up: \$500

**Third Place:** Catapult 2024 third place: \$300

**Fourth Place:** Catapult 2024 fourth place: \$200

9. All innovation entries must be in production and not in development at the time of competition.
10. Companies can submit up to two different products/innovations on separate forms.
11. The decision of the judges is final.

**Submission Instructions:**

1. Please fill out and save the form with your company name in the file name (by using SAVE AS, then adding your company name to the name of the file).
2. Email your form to [donna@northeastacquirers.com](mailto:donna@northeastacquirers.com) no later than 5pm Pacific time, Friday, March 1, 2024.
3. By submitting the form, you are indicating your acceptance of the rules of the Catapult 2024 innovation event.
4. For more information please go to [www.northeastacquirers.com](http://www.northeastacquirers.com)