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Minnesota Cup finalists announced

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Judges have announced five finalists in the Minnesota Cup, a competition to find the state's top "breakthrough" business idea.

The winner, who will receive \$50,000 in seed money and business support services, will be announced Sept. 11.

The ideas were judged based on originality, viability and quality of presentation.

The five finalists are:

Barrier1 Network Security Appliance: A company that created a patent pending network security appliance.

CoreSpine Technologies: It makes surgical devices for the complete or selective removal of nucleus and cartilage material from the lumbar disc space.

Kludas Foods: Fibre and Beyond: Makes whole natural and organic foods for patients with specific chronic diseases.

MyWonderfulLife.com: A free Web site that allows members to plan and personalize their own funeral.

Wilcraft: Makes an amphibious drivable ice fishing shelter.

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