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## **Meshwear Technologies Inc. presents in 1Awards local small business competition**

*Award recognizes small businesses and helps them get to the next level*

**Hamilton/Burlington ON, Apr 28, 2016-** Meshwear Technologies Inc. presented today at the 1Awards, a local small business competition, hosted by FirstOntario Credit Union and its community partners. Meshwear was one of 10 finalists from Hamilton and Burlington's up and coming entrepreneurs who showcased their businesses and shared their vision and plans for growth in a Dragon's Den style setting in front of a panel of distinguished 1Award FirstOntario judges. Blair Beattie, president of Meshwear Technologies Inc. described the company's vision and mission - to deliver higher levels of productivity, safety and comfort to workers and businesses everywhere with the company's patented, ventilated Coolworks workwear.

The top 10 finalists from the competition will be featured at the gala where winners will share in \$150,000 in cash and in-kind services. The following local businesses are this year's finalists – in no particular order.

Blackbird Studios  
Bruha  
Cobalt Connects  
Donut Monster  
Gameopolis  
Gold Cross Home Care Inc.  
Meshwear Technologies Inc.  
R Devine Skin Care  
The Mustard Seed Co-operative Grocery  
Tradebank Inc.

FirstOntario Credit Union established the 1Awards small business competition five years ago to help local businesses grow, expand and make it to the next level. Since its inaugural year, FirstOntario and 1Award partners have invested over \$650,000 dollars in cash and in-kind services into Hamilton's small business landscape. Partners include The Hamilton Spectator, Agro Zaffiro LL.P, KPMG, Mohawk College, Weever Apps, PLAY Advertising and Biz Magazine.

### **Gala details:**

Tuesday May 10, 2016  
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
Liuna Station, King George Ballroom  
360 James Street North, Hamilton

**About Meshwear Technologies Inc.**

In business since 2006, Meshwear Technologies Inc. manufactures and distributes a patented, ventilated, convertible, Hi Vis work pant among other workwear products. They are looking for growth within their current customer base by introducing new products, but are also looking to break into new markets by identifying and licensing prospective strategic distribution partners and channels in the U.S. market under sub-license, being mindful of the potential for global markets. Meshwear Technologies Inc. employs 5 people outside of ownership and their head office and distribution centre is located in Ancaster, ON.

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