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**Greater Akron Chamber Presents**  
**The Buzz Around Town: Akron Global Business Accelerator –**  
Where Innovation Goes to Grow  
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Start your day and year off right by mingling with other Chamber members over breakfast and coffee. Join us on **Friday, February 13, 2009**, at the **Akron Global Business Accelerator - Where Innovation Goes to Grow**. Our hosts, **Mayor Plusquellic and Michael LeHere**, CEO of Akron Global Business Accelerator and entrepreneurial companies, will share success stories.

The Accelerator is an initiative of the City of Akron and is world-renown for driving and developing technology-based entrepreneurial innovation. Housed in the former B.F. Goodrich tire factory in downtown Akron are biomedicine, advanced materials (Nanotechnology), alternative energy sources, information technology and instruments-controls technology companies. These businesses must have a commercially focused product, service or technology and are expected to graduate to the Greater Akron Business Community within five years of joining the Accelerator program.

Featured speakers:

- **Jay Breeding**, COO, InSet Systems - developers of underground detection of coal miners
- **Ben Shappley**, President & CEO, Spine Matrix - developers of a diagnostic, which determines the source of back pain.
- **Bill McCroskey**, President & CEO, FMI Technologies, Inc. - developers of advanced multi-modal medical imaging technology.

The Buzz Around Town will be held at The Akron Global Business Accelerator, 526 S. Main St., Akron. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and the program will be held from 7:50 to 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$12 for members and \$20 for non-members and includes breakfast. To make a reservation, call the Greater Akron Chamber at (330) 376-5550 or register on-line at [www.greaterakronchamber.org](http://www.greaterakronchamber.org). Register by noon on Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

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