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2005, Litman & Mallin left J.Walter Thompson after sucessful completion of their management contracts and formed SDWA Ventures. Their first venture has been the creation and launch of the widely acclaimed Breakthrough Ideas competition, the search for the next great business idea in Minnesota.

Barry Moltz has been running small businesses with a great deal of success and failure for 15 years. He co-founded Prairie Angels (<u>www.prairieangels.org</u>) which invests in local seed stage companies. Barry also is on the Advisory Board of the Angel Capital Association (<u>www.angelcapitalassociation.org</u>) which is the national professional alliance of angel groups. His book, "You Need to Be A Little Crazy: The Truth about Starting and Growing Your Business" describes the crazy ups and downs and emotional trials of running a business. It is in its fourth reprint and has been translated into Chinese, Russian, Korean and Thai. Barry speaks at 100 business events a year through out the country. He has received numerous awards such as Angel of the Year and was inducted into the Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame. Barry can be contacted at <u>www.barrymoltz.com</u>.

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