

**RISE: ARE YOU AN ENTREPRENEUR DISCOURAGED BY THE ECONOMY? NEED A BOOST TO GET YOUR BUSINESS DREAMS IN MOTION? I'M RISE JILL MILLER.**

**ACCORDING TO THE U-S SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, SMALL BUSINESSES REPRESENT NINETY-NINE POINT SEVEN PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYERS AND PROVIDE JOBS TO JUST OVER HALF OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR. TO ENCOURAGE GROWTH IN THE SLOW ECONOMY, A TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT PROGRAM HAS BEEN LAUNCHED BY BROTHER TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS JUMP START THEIR OWN BUSINESS OR INITIATE A NEW PROJECT.**

**RICH SLOAN, CO FOUNDER OF STARTUP NATION:**

**BROTHER: WE FEEL FOR FELLOW SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS FACING THE CHALLENGES OF STARTING AND GROWING A BUSINESS. THIS PROGRAM IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RISE ABOVE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES AND SHOWS THE COMMITMENT BROTHER AND START UP NATION HAVE IN UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS.**

**RISE: A FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH OF THE FIVE ENTREPRENEURS WHO BEST DEMONSTRATE THE VISION, MISSION AND PURPOSE OF THEIR COMPANY.**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, MARCH SECOND.**

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