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10. All ideas must be submitted as e-mail attachments on the Entry Form (a Microsoft Word file). Entry Forms can be downloaded from the Lamar SBDC's website. Entry Forms that have been altered will not be accepted. Send submissions to www.lamarbmt.sbdcnetwork.net.
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