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Organizing and Financing Start-Up Software Ventures

- I. The Business Plan
 - A. Topics
 - 1. People
 - a. Marketing
 - b. Financing
 - c. Production
 - 2. Product
 - 3. Marketing
 - a. size of market
 - b. competition
 - c. legal protection
 - d. press releases about business or industry
 - 4. Financing
 - a. projected expenses (including materials and labor cost data)
 - b. income
 - c. payback to investors
 - B. Organization
 - 1. Executive Summary
 - 2. Product
 - 3. Marketing
 - 4. People
 - 5. Financial
 - C. Helpful Hints
 - 1. Outline
 - 2. Length
 - 3. Proprietary Information
 - 4. Professional help

- II. How to Find Venture Capitalists (Private Financing)
 - A. Local capital vs. Traditional Venture Capital Centers
 - B. <u>Databook of Venture Capital Sources for High Technology Companies</u>, Loftin, R.
 - C. Small Business Investment Corporations
 - D. Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Corporations
- III. Typical Requirements for Private Financing
 - A. Rates of Return
 - B. Ownership Control
 - 1. Start-up Companies
 - 2. Mature Companies
 - C. Future Liquidity
- IV. Public/Quasi Public Financing
 - A. Private Placement
 - B. Public Offering
- V. Forms of Organization
 - A. Liability/Structure
 - 1. Corporate
 - 2. Partnership (including R & D Partnership and Limited Partnership)
 - B. Tax Structure
- VI. Your professional advisers
 - A. Attorneys/Accountants
 - B. Board of Directors