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**LIFE SCIENCE TENNESSEE ANNOUNCES 2014 VENTURE FORUM PRESENTERS
Emerging life science companies from across the state to be showcased October 21**

Nashville, Tenn. – Life Science Tennessee (LifeSciTN) is pleased to announce the five companies chosen to present during the LifeSciTN Conference and Venture Forum at the downtown Doubletree Hotel from Oct. 20-22.

Presenting companies include:

- **EndoInSight (Memphis)**
EndoInSight provides low-cost disposable CO2 gas sources to colonoscopy centers that reduce patient pain. By helping patients to have less pain, centers can increase throughput and decrease the nursing hours needed to treat patients. The CO2 device will help nurses be more efficient and less stressed, by simplifying the medical process and reducing the amount of time patients must spend in recovery.
- **Innovasan Corporation (Knoxville)**
Innovasan has developed a waste filtration device to treat and clean waste water. Their product is designed to biologically disinfect and functionally denature organic compounds and pollutants found in fluid medical waste streams, agricultural runoff, and industrial waste.
- **3D Operations, Inc. (Chattanooga)**
3D Operations, Inc. is an additive manufacturing (3D printing) company in the healthcare industry that provides anatomical models based on a patient's imaging data such as an MRI or CT scan. Unlike virtual two-dimensional alternatives, the 3D models allow surgeons to hold and examine a patient's specific anatomy prior to starting any procedure or treatment.
- **VDDI Pharmaceuticals (Nashville)**
VDDI Pharmaceuticals was formed because of a need for developing early-stage drugs that are being passed over for larger, more lucrative drugs with proven efficiency. VDDI Pharmaceuticals plans to pursue these early-stage products qualifying for fast track approval, primarily in the areas of cancer, cardiovascular disease and infectious disease, and develop the products through Phase II of the required regulatory approval process.
- **PEURegen (Nashville)**
PEURegen Inc. seeks to advance the wound healing market by developing a pipeline of cost effective biodegradable wound care products that will enhance healthy tissue regeneration. Made of polyurethane, amino acid lysine-based, biodegradable, synthetic skin scab scaffold, their product can be used for treatment of deep-full thickness skin wounds.

"The presenting companies show the capabilities and talent of the life science industry throughout our state," said Sam Lynch, president and CEO of Lynch Biologics and the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Life Science Tennessee. "Each year our competing companies get better and better. With the addition of several new prizes, including \$5,000 in cash, this year's competition is especially strong."

The Venture Forum is part of the LifeSciTN Annual Conference that brings together industry experts, investors and innovators during the two-and-a-half day meeting. The forum meets a growing need to bridge the gap between researchers, entrepreneurs and venture capitalists in Tennessee. The forum is designed to create an interactive and vibrant atmosphere in which to create partnerships and raise capital.

These five companies will present in front of the entire conference audience including regional investors, industry experts and four TNInvestco Funds that regularly invest in life science companies: Innova Fund, Limestone Fund, MB Venture Partners and Tri-Star Technology Fund. Investment decisions are made independently from the Venture Forum selection and judging process. Top presenters will be offered complementary start-up business services from LifeSciTN Venture Forum supporters. Services include:

- \$5,000 cash prize courtesy of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP
- Development and production of a five-minute pitch video courtesy of Benchfly, a science video production platform designed by research and video experts
- An opportunity to have a company video showcased during the opening reception of the regional Southeast Bio Investor & Partnering Forum in Atlanta, November 11 (SEBio)
- Two complimentary registrations to LaunchTN's Southland, summer of 2015
- Start-up corporate legal package, courtesy of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP
- Full day of strategic planning, financial analysis, and/or business valuation consulting courtesy of Kraft Analytics

Venture Forum presentations will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 9 a.m. at the downtown Doubletree Hotel. The Venture Forum is open to registered conference attendees and to the media.

For more information on the Venture Forum contact Alex Cate at 615-242-8856 or acate@lifesciencetn.org.

For more information on the LifeSciTN Conference and Venture Forum visit <http://www.lifesciencetn.org/?page=2014AnnualConference>

About Life Science Tennessee:

Life Science Tennessee is a statewide, non-profit, member organization representing all organizations involved in the life sciences in Tennessee, from leading research institutions to early stage companies, to international Fortune 500 medical device and pharmaceutical businesses to advisors for the industry. Together with our stakeholders and policy makers, we diligently work to create a greater understanding of, and support for, the life sciences thereby helping to create an environment in which this industry can flourish in Tennessee. LifeSciTN members and life sciences companies are located in all nine geographical regions of Tennessee and include industry subsectors: biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, biologistics, medical devices, diagnostics, agricultural biosciences, research and educational institutions, clinical research organizations and other related activities.

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