

Ten Bioscience Start-Ups to Present at BioWest 2005

Denver, (Sept. 28, 2005) - Ten finalists have been chosen to present at the Venture Showcase, November 8, during the two-day BioWest Conference at the Colorado Convention Center. One of the finalists will be selected to receive the "Faegre & Benson Venture Showcase Award" during the Colorado BioScience Association Awards Banquet that evening.

The 10 companies are: Aktiv-Dry LLC (Boulder); ApopLogic Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Aurora); BioCare Systems, Inc. (Parker); Brotica, Inc. (Fort Collins); CeraPedics LLC (Lakewood); Cytologic Inc. (Fort Collins); InViragen LLC (Fort Collins); Lohocla Research Corporation (Aurora); MBC Pharma Inc. (Boulder); and Thinc Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Aurora). A brief explanation of each company's technology and business plan can be found at the www.BioWestConference.com Web site.

Denise Brown, executive director of the Colorado BioScience Association said, "We are thrilled that Faegre & Benson is offering a \$10,000 award to the best presenting company - and is taking the time to ensure that these companies are prepared for the Venture Showcase."

Representatives of each company will have 10 minutes to present their technologies and business plans to a panel of bioscience venture capitalists. The panelists will be: Dan Mitchell, Sequel Ventures (Boulder); Tim Black, Integra Ventures (Seattle); Teri Willey, Arch Development Partners (Chicago); Tim Mills, Sanderling (Northern California); and Chris Kersey, Cogene Ventures (Houston).

"The 2004 Venture Showcase was such a popular session, we wanted to capitalize on its success by making it even better in 2005," said Chris Shapard, bioscience director at the Colorado Office of Economic Development. "Several of the companies that presented during BioWest 2004 credit their recent successes to their participation in the Venture Showcase. We hope the same will be true after BioWest 2005."

The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade works to foster a positive business climate that encourages quality economic development through financial and technical assistance for local and regional economic development activities throughout the State of Colorado. For more information, please visit www.AdvanceColorado.com

The Colorado BioScience Association (CBSA) is a not-for-profit corporation providing services and support for Colorado's growing bioscience industry. With over 300 members, CBSA actively works to promote the growth of the industry by working for a better business environment, grow the state's biotech workforce, fight for policies that support a strong bioscience industry in the state and speak with a single voice on behalf of the industry. For more information, please visit www.CoBioscience.com.

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