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**CONNECT Extends Application Deadline for  
Life Sciences Venture Roundtable**

*Roundtable Open to Companies and Scientists Interested in Presenting Technologies to  
San Diego Venture Capital Community*

SAN DIEGO – CONNECT, a technology and business accelerator dedicated to the success and growth of San Diego-based technology and life science companies, announced today it has extended the application deadline for its Life Sciences Venture Roundtable to Nov. 21.

The Life Sciences Venture Roundtable will showcase promising early stage technologies being developed by local companies and research institutions. Through the Venture Roundtable, the investment community will be able to keep abreast of San Diego's latest and most promising life science innovations.

Eligible applicants must represent a non-publicly traded company, research organization or academic institution with a life-sciences focus. Applicants must be San Diego-based with an early or concept stage technology or product with potential for commercialization. Online applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m., Nov. 21, at [www.connect.org](http://www.connect.org).

"CONNECT's Life Sciences Venture Roundtable allows very early stage scientists as well as concept-stage companies to capture the attention of investors as they approach product development" said Duane Roth, CEO of CONNECT.

Applicants must pass a rigorous screening process to be invited to present. Those who pass the initial screening, conducted by a committee of technology experts, investment professionals and professional service providers, will be invited to give a dry-run presentation, and additional expert coaching will be provided. Five participants will be

selected to present to an exclusive audience of thirty-five accredited investors at the Venture Roundtable on January 16, 2008. The Roundtable includes opportunities to network with investors, and is offered to capital providers and presenters at no cost.

CONNECT hosts four Venture Roundtables annually. This year's series is sponsored by Heller Ehrman LLP.

“We are always impressed by the innovation of San Diego entrepreneurs and scientists,” said Mike Kagnoff, Heller Ehrman Shareholder and Chair of the Life Sciences Venture Roundtable. “It’s very gratifying to help start-up companies connect with potential sources of financing and talent.”

***About CONNECT:***

CONNECT is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating and sustaining the growth of innovative technology and life science businesses in San Diego. Since 1985, CONNECT has assisted in the formation and development of over 1,200 companies and is widely regarded as the nation's most successful regional program linking inventors and entrepreneurs with the resources they need for success. Its programs include: Springboard, Venture Roundtable, Frontiers in Science and Technology, FrameWorks, and Connect with CONNECT; affiliate programs with The Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology (CCAT), Tech Coast Angels (TCA), and MIT Enterprise Forum (MITEF); and its awards and recognition programs, Hall of Fame, and The Most Innovative Products (MIP) Awards.

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