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LIFE SCIENCE TENNESSEE INDUSTRY EXECS FROM ACROSS STATE AND NATION

*Annual Conference and Venture Forum bring together life science start up
and seasoned experts this week in Nashville.*

Nashville, Tenn. - Life science executives from across Tennessee and beyond will gather to hear from life science industry leaders at both the state and federal level in downtown Nashville this week. The conference will host numerous industry and government stakeholders including U.S. Congressman Marsha Blackburn, Mark Paxton, General Counsel at the FDA, top officials at leading national advocacy groups including BIO and AdvaMed, top clinical research organization (CRO) executives, leadership of the Tennessee General Assembly, as well as some of Tennessee's top economic development officials all gathering at the Life Science Tennessee Annual Conference this Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 20 through 22.

The conference will also feature several startups from across the state during the conference's Venture Forum with five emerging life science companies facing off in a pitch competition in front of investors with a combined investment portfolio of more than \$300 million. The winner of this year's Life Science Tennessee Venture Forum wins \$5,000 cash from Waller, as well as a chance to pitch in front of more than 100 investors at the regional Southeast Bio investor conference in November.

The meeting will bring industry experts on clinical trials, reimbursement, IP, health care delivery, as well as announcements of new mentorship and entrepreneurship support systems for our industry in Tennessee.

For the complete schedule and downloadable program, click [here](#).

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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 order to create partnerships and raise capital.

Presenting companies include:

- EndoInSight (Memphis)
- Innovasan Corporation (Knoxville)
- 3D Operations, Inc. (Chattanooga)
- VDDI Pharmaceuticals (Nashville)
- PEURegen, Inc. (Nashville)

These five companies will present Tuesday, Oct 21 at 9:30 at the Doubletree 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, as well as Harbert Venture Partners in Alabama. 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.

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 innovations, research and educational institutions, clinical research organizations and other related activities.