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**The Hamner Institutes For Health Sciences
Hosts “Funding For Innovation In North Carolina” Workshop**
SBIR/STTR Event Will Focus On \$2 Billion Available For Innovative Start-ups

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. – The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences (www.thehamner.org) will host “Funding for Innovation in North Carolina,” a SBIR/STTR workshop on Tuesday, April 29 from 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. The seminar, presented by the Small Business Technology Development Center (SBTDC), addresses how bio/pharma start-up companies can obtain government funding for commercially orientated research projects.

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program are administered by the Small Business Association’s (SBA) Office of Technology. Through these two programs, the SBA ensures that the nation’s small, high-tech, innovative businesses remain a significant part of the federal government’s research and development efforts. Eleven federal departments participate in the SBIR program and five departments participate in the STTR program, awarding more than \$2 billion annually in grants and contracts to small high-tech businesses. Funding allows companies, small or start-up, to develop new or enhanced products and services based on advanced technologies.

Guest speakers for the April 29 workshop include John Ujvari, SBIR program specialist, NC SBTDC and Dr. Jerry Heindel, SBIR program manager, NIH/NIEHS. Awards will be presented to Karen LeVert, president, CEO and co-founder of Southeast TechInventures, Inc. and Rich West, CEO of Advanced Liquid Logic.

Sponsors for the April 29 event are:

- SBTDC
- Hutchinson Law Group
- Hughes, Pittman & Gupton LLP
- The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences
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There are three North Carolina SBIR/STTR workshops scheduled for April. For a full list of upcoming events or to register, visit www.sbtcd.org/events/sbir/workshops2008

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Quotes

“We are pleased to work with in conjunction with the Small Business and Technology Development Center to host the April 29 SBIR/STTR workshop,” said Rick Williams, chief business officer at The Hamner. “Through these strategic programs, the SBTDC plays a critical role in helping start-up businesses receive federal funding to address the nation’s most critical scientific and engineering needs.”

“We would like to thank The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences for hosting our upcoming April workshop,” said John Ujvari. “The Hamner’s ability to foster relationships within industry, government and the private sector fall very much in line with the overall goals of the Small Business and Technology Development Center.”

About SBTDC

The North Carolina Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) helps small business owners (and those interested in starting a business) meet the challenges of today's business environment, manage that ever-changing world and plan for the future of their business. The Center provides management counseling and educational services to small and mid-sized businesses throughout North Carolina from 17 offices across the state — each affiliated with a college or university. The organization’s mission is to help North Carolina businesses grow and create new jobs within the state. Most of its services are free of charge, and all SBTDC services are confidential. For more information, visit www.sbtcdc.org.

About The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences

Located on a 56-acre campus in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences is an independent, nonprofit organization that unites academia, the private sector and government to conduct translational research to improve public health and expedite the development of new medicines. With the ultimate goal of preventing and curing disease, The Hamner offers an open, collaborative and cross-disciplinary approach to strengthen the research investment in biomedical sciences. CIIT, the flagship institute for The Hamner, has been recognized for more than 30 years as a leader in research in environmental risk assessment and health sciences. For more information, please visit www.thehamner.org or call 919-558-1200.

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