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Smart Talk Panel to Explore Paths and Pitfalls
Growing Companies Face

PHILADELPHIA--(June 16, 2010) – What paths and pitfalls do growing companies face? A panel of start-up industry leaders will address the topic of managing growth as part of the University City Science Center’s Smart Talk: Adventures in Entrepreneurialism series, June 22, 2010 at 3711 Market Street in Philadelphia. The panel discussion is a follow up to remarks by Bentley Systems CEO Greg Bentley at a Smart Talk program in April.

The panel will focus on topics including building a team, the CEO perspective, building a Board and soliciting outside advice. Panelists include Ellen Canan Grady, counsel, Corporate & Securities – Technology Group, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman; Andrew Hamilton, partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP; Dan Skovronsky, founder of Avid Radiopharmaceuticals and Ellen Weber, executive director, Robin Hood Ventures. The panel will be moderated by Tara Weiner, managing partner, Greater Philadelphia Region, Deloitte, LLP.

“Even in a recessionary economy, start-up companies are growing,” says Stephen S. Tang, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Science Center. “We want to make sure that the entrepreneurs who are running them are armed with the right information to help them navigate the growth curve.”

Smart Talk is a quarterly program at the Science Center which gives startup and growing companies a look at best practices and business strategies from industry leaders in the region. Smart Talk will return on September 22nd when BioRexis founder David King discusses both his experiences starting up BioRexis at the Science Center and his current role as a Venture Partner with Quaker BioVentures. Smart Talk is sponsored by Deloitte and the University City Keystone Innovation Zone.

The June 22 Smart Talk program will take place 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. at the Science Center’s offices at 3711 Market Street, Suite 800. The program is free. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Online registration is available at: <http://sciencecenter.basecampbusiness.com/node/13090>.

About the Science Center

The University City Science Center accelerates technology commercialization, regional economic development, and the market availability of life-enhancing scientific breakthroughs by bringing together innovations, scientists, entrepreneurs, funding, laboratory facilities, and business services. Established in 1963 and headquartered in Philadelphia, PA, the Science Center was the first, and remains the largest, urban research park in the United States. Graduate organizations and current residents of the University City Science Center’s Port business incubators have created more than 15,000 jobs that remain in the Greater Philadelphia region today and contribute more than \$9 billion to the regional economy annually. For more information about the Science Center, go to www.sciencecenter.org.

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