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Bio Tuesday Networking and Informational Events Hit the Road

In a new format, the Tech Collective event series will showcase RI Biotech companies and resources at their locations.

Providence, R.I. – Sept. 28, 2009 – Tech Collective, Rhode Island’s Information Technology and Bioscience Industry Association, today announces a new format to its Bio Tuesday industry event series. The events will now be hosted onsite at a bioscience company or academic or government resource location and highlight the services or products of the organization. Bio Tuesdays will additionally provide bioscience stakeholders a forum to network, discover the latest industry trends and services and make vital connections for growth.

The first Bio Tuesday to “hit the road” will be held on October 6th, 2009, from 5:30-7:00 pm at the URI Providence Biotechnology Center. Dr. Ed Bozzi, Co-Coordinator of the Biotechnology Manufacturing Program and Assistant Clinical Professor, URI/Providence Feinstein Campus, will speak on the Center’s programs, internship initiatives and its newest lab spaces, including its Industry Training lab. He will also provide a tour of the facility and lab spaces.

Changes in the event’s format come in response to Tech Collective member feedback and the need to garner first-hand exposure for the burgeoning industry.

“Tech Collective is proud to announce the enhancement of our Bio Tuesday event series,” said Cheryl DaCosta, Manager of Workforce Development Programs for the Tech Collective. “These casual gatherings have offered the RI Bioscience industry opportunities to meet new faces, share best practice and set the foundations for future collaborations since March 2008. In its new format – hosted at the organizations who are the lifeblood of this vital industry, Bio Tuesdays will continue to benefit, promote and raise a stronger awareness of Rhode Island’s Bioscience industry and the over 5,000 professionals who are employed within it.”

Bio Tuesdays are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Industry leaders, professionals, venture capitalists, students and stakeholders across all fields– including Research & Development, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, medical device and medical textiles – are encouraged to attend. For more information and to register for Bio Tuesday, visit www.tech-collective.org.



Bio Tuesdays are sponsored by the Bioscience Industry Partnership grant funded through the Governor's Workforce Board of Rhode Island.

About the URI Providence Biotechnology Center:

The URI Providence Biotechnology Center is a collaboration of the College of Continuing Education (Graduate Professional Center) and the College of the Environment and Life Sciences (Department of Cell and Molecular Biology). It is the hub for several biotechnology programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as the Institute for Immunology and Informatics, and K-12 and industry training. The

Center has 8 faculty offices, 4 labs, a dedicated lecture hall, a conference room, and administrative support areas. The Center has received more than \$2.0 million in support from federal and state government agencies, as well as the life sciences industry. For more information, please visit <http://www.uri.edu/prov/research/biotechcenter.html>.

About Tech Collective:

Tech Collective is Rhode Island's Information Technology and Bioscience Industry Association. Uniting industry, government and academic stakeholders, our mission is to inspire, engage, educate and employ a high-skill, high-wage Knowledge Economy in Rhode Island. Since its transition from the Rhode Island Technology Council (RITEC) in 2004, Tech Collective has received more than \$6M in federal, state and private grant funding to foster industry collaboration, awareness and development through events and initiatives including: GRRL Tech, Women in Technology, Bio-Ed, Tech Laureates' Night and STEM-based education and training programs for K-16 students as well as incumbent and transitioning workers. For more information about Tech Collective, please visit www.tech-collective.org.

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