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SENATOR DOLE, MAYOR FRANKLIN AMONG HEADLINERS AT 2008 GEORGIA LIFE SCIENCES SUMMIT

ATLANTA (July 23, 2008) – Senator Bob Dole and Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin lead a stellar line-up of speakers for the 2008 Georgia Life Sciences Summit September 24 at the Georgia World Congress Center.

Senator Dole, Special Counsel with Alston & Bird, will be honored for his role in the 1980 Bayh-Dole Act, enabling universities to license inventions and the U.S. biotechnology industry to become the global leader in innovation. In addition to comments from Senator Dole, University of Georgia President Michael F. Adams, Emory University President James W. Wagner, Biotechnology Industry Organization President and CEO James C. Greenwood and Georgia Research Alliance President and CEO C. Michael Cassidy will participate on a panel discussing the impact of the Bay-Dole Act.

Mayor Franklin will kick-off the one-day conference in the morning, followed by keynote addresses from Mr. Greenwood, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Chief Science Officer Tanja Popovic, Solvay Pharmaceuticals President and CEO Stephen Hill and Morehouse School of Medicine President Emeritus Louis Sullivan.

The theme of Georgia Bio's (GaBio) 8th annual Life Sciences Summit is "Molecules, Materials and Minds: Building Georgia's Innovation Economy." Forty speakers will participate in eight morning and afternoon breakout sessions on topics including:

- Forces shaping the emerging bioeconomy in agriculture
- Public-private partnerships for cardiovascular innovations.
- Regulatory challenges in clinical trials.
- Hot technologies in medical devices.
- Emerging companies' race for R&D funding.
- Georgia's maturing workforce.

Following lunch, a panel of distinguished scientists from Georgia's major universities will discuss the latest advances in neuroscience research. The plenary session honoring Senator Dole will begin at 4 pm. The conference program will conclude with recognition of the winners of the

annual scientific poster competition. More than 100 scientists participated in 2007.

A total of 70 speakers will be featured at the Georgia Life Sciences Summit. The Summit has become the premier life sciences conference in the Southeast and one of the largest state biotechnology showcases in the nation. More than 800 professionals from Georgia and across the U.S. are expected to attend. The Summit also includes an exhibit hall, which was sold out last year with 60 companies and universities displaying their latest research and product advances.

For more information on the program, registration, exhibit hall, and sponsorship visit www.gabio.org/Summit2008.

The 2008 Georgia Life Sciences Summit also will kick-off the excitement of the countdown to the 2009 Biotechnology Industry Organization's (BIO) International Convention, the largest biotech conference in the world expected to bring to Atlanta and Georgia more than 20,000 professionals from 70 nations. GaBio, the state affiliate of BIO, and the State of Georgia are local cohosts of the convention, May 18-21, 2009, at the Georgia World Congress Center.

Editor's note: Registration is complimentary for credentialed members of the news media. Contact Maria Thacker (maria.thacker@gabio.org; 404-920-2042) to register.

Georgia Bio (www.gabio.org) is the private, non-profit association representing the life sciences industry in Georgia. Its 300 members include pharmaceutical, biotech and medical device companies, universities, research institutes, government groups and other business organizations involved in the development of products that improve healthcare, agriculture, industrial and bioenergy production and environmental management.

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