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Ohio Now Among Top 5 in Nation for Health Care Venture Firms
27 Venture Firms with Healthcare as a Focus Have Ohio Offices

CLEVELAND, May 13, 2008 – Ohio has become the leading state between the coasts and one of the top five in the nation for health care venture capital firms, according to an analysis by BioEnterprise, a Cleveland-based health care accelerator. Twenty-seven venture firms with health care as a focus have Ohio offices.

“Over the last five years, Ohio has seen a significant increase in health care venture capital,” said Baiju R. Shah, President & CEO of BioEnterprise. “The State of Ohio’s \$1.6 Billion technology investment program (Third Frontier Program) has propelled Ohio to become a national leader in health care innovation. In 2007, Ohio bioscience companies attracted \$296 million in venture investments, leading not only the Midwest but also all states between the coasts. It’s not surprising then that venture capital firms, attracted through progressive state programs, would establish offices here.”

Ohio’s Third Frontier Program has taken a comprehensive approach to stimulating health care innovation, with investments in translational research, entrepreneurial infrastructure, and venture capital formation programs. The Ohio Capital Fund and the Ohio-Midwest Fund, which combined total \$250 million, are the two largest initiatives designed to grow and attract venture capital firms in the state. The Third Frontier has additional monies to help establish seed and early-stage funds. All the monies are designated for venture capital firms with an Ohio office.

“Recently, we announced the funding of four health care venture firms that have established Ohio offices,” said Paul Cohn, Managing Director of The Ohio Capital Fund. “The firms, with home offices in New York, Boston, Palo Alto, and Michigan, were attracted to Ohio by our investment and the state’s bioscience

start-up pipeline. While Ohio is attracting investment in other economic sectors, over 80% of our commitments involve venture capital firms with a focus in part on investments in healthcare because health science investors recognize the strategic value of an Ohio location.”

Ohio’s number of health care venture firms now exceeds neighboring states such as Pennsylvania (24), Illinois (19), Minnesota (17), and even states such as North Carolina (11) and Georgia (6). Ohio’s total now places it among the top five states in the nation for health care venture firms (the top states remain California, Massachusetts, and New York).*

Venture capital groups with a presence in Ohio and with a strong health care focus include:

- Arboretum Ventures
- Athenian Ventures
- Blue Chip Venture Company
- Bridge Investment Fund
- Charter Life Sciences
- Chrysalis Ventures
- CID Capital
- Draper Triangle
- Early Stage Partners
- Everett Partners
- Fletcher Spaght
- Fort Washington
- Foundation Medical Partners
- Frantz Medical Ventures
- Glengary Ventures
- iNetworks
- Morgenthaler
- Mutual Capital Partners
- NCT Ventures
- Oakwood Medical Investors
- Primus Capital
- Radius Ventures
- Reservoir Ventures
- River Cities
- Riverside Company
- RiverVest Ventures
- Talisman Capital
- Triathlon Medical Venture Partners

* The number of venture capital funds with a presence in each state is the result of research conducted by BioEnterprise over the week of May 5, 2008. The research included a review of Dow Jones Venture Source information as well as state and regional venture association Web sites. The numbers do not include angel, seed, or pure private equity funds.

About BioEnterprise

[BioEnterprise](#) is a business formation, recruitment, and acceleration effort designed to support the growth of bioscience companies. Located in Cleveland, BioEnterprise provides management counsel and support services to health care companies. BioEnterprise partners are Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, and Summa Health System. Additional technology partners include the NASA Glenn Research Center, Cleveland State University, NorTech, and BioOhio.

The initiative comprises the collective activities of BioEnterprise and its partners’ commercialization offices: the Case Office of Technology Transfer, Cleveland Clinic Innovations, University Hospitals Case Medical Center - Center for Clinical

Research and Summa Enterprise Group. The combined efforts of these groups has created, recruited, and accelerated more than 70 companies in five years.

About Ohio Capital Fund

Established by the State of Ohio through legislative mandate to help increase private investment in Ohio companies in the seed or early stage of business development, The Ohio Venture Capital Authority (OVA) oversees the Ohio Capital Fund. The OVA is comprised of nine members, including the Ohio Tax Commissioner and the Director of the Ohio Department of Development as well as seven members appointed by the Governor from the general public.

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