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## **CUMBERLAND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES HOLDS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

*- Brian O'Connor of the Biotechnology Industry Association BIO to speak*

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (December 10, 2013)** - Cumberland Emerging Technologies, Inc. (CET), a company formed to advance early-stage biomedical technologies and products from our Mid-South region to the marketplace, will host a holiday open house on Tuesday, December 10 at 4 p.m. featuring guest speakers Brian O'Connor, Manger of State & Government Affairs of the Biotechnology Industry Association (BIO) and Ted Townsend, Assistant Commissioner of Strategy for the Tennessee Economic & Community Development.

The Life Sciences Center is located in downtown Nashville in the historic “*Gateway to Nashville*” building, adjacent to the Union Station hotel and the Frist Visual Arts Center. The Center anchors an emerging “hi-tech” corridor in the “SoBro” area located south of Broadway Avenue in downtown Nashville. Prior to the expansion, the Center was fully leased. It provides lab and office space, equipment and infrastructure support to six companies. Additionally, CET has graduated a growing number of tenants that moved into their own facilities after successfully establishing their businesses at the Life Sciences Center.

### **About Cumberland Emerging Technologies Inc.**

Cumberland Emerging Technologies Inc. (CET) is a joint initiative between Vanderbilt University, Cumberland Pharmaceuticals Inc., and Launch Tennessee, formally known as the Tennessee Technology Development Corporation (TTDC). The mission of CET is to advance biomedical technologies and products conceived at academic research centers towards the commercial marketplace. CET manages the development and commercialization process for select projects, and provides expertise on intellectual property, regulatory, manufacturing, and market issues that are critical to successful new biomedical products.

CET has sponsored Middle Tennessee’s first life sciences incubator located in downtown Nashville adjacent to the Union Station Hotel and the Frist Visual Arts Center since its founding in 2002. This Life Sciences Center provides laboratory space, equipment and other support to a growing number of tenants who specialize in medical products and research advancements.

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