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THBI Announces Fall 2018 Summit and Life Science Week

AUSTIN, TX — Today, the Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) announces the Fall 2018 Summit at the Texas Capitol Legislative Conference Center on October 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Legislators, researchers, and industry professionals from both state and national perspectives have been recruited to provide insightful commentary during panel discussions and keynote sessions throughout the Summit. The program will highlight topics such as the How to Fund Innovation and the Role of Venture Capital and THBI's Legislative Forecast and Priorities for the 86th Legislative Session.

In conjunction with Summit, THBI will host Texas Life Sciences week by traveling across the state to showcase innovation surrounding the life and biosciences industry in Texas. THBI leadership will visit different regions of the state, in partnership with BIO affiliates, to share THBI's legislative forecast and have round table discussions with life science leaders prior to the 86th Legislative Session. Regional events are by invitation only for THBI members and sponsors. THBI will visit the following cities:

- October 16 – Dallas/Ft. Worth Regional Legislative Briefing
- October 30 – San Antonio Regional Legislative Briefing
- October 31 – Houston Regional Legislative Briefing
- November 8 – El Paso Regional Legislative Briefing

“Our Summit and regional events come at a time when we anticipate healthcare policy to be at the forefront of discussion for the upcoming legislative session,” said Tom Kowalski, President and CEO of THBI. “It is exciting to travel the state and showcase how each region has a role in our vibrant bioscience and life science industry. It is perfect timing for companies and leadership to get involved in the conversation; we are excited that Texas continues to attract impactful people and know that their expertise will set the tone for a critical discussion on the issues affecting the future of healthcare during the 86th Legislative session and beyond.”

Confirmed speakers and panelists include: Larry Peterson, Executive Director for Texas Foundation for Innovative Communities, Gabriella Rowe, CEO of Station Houston, Mike Millard, Managing Director of MassChallenge Texas, Chris Laing, Ph.D., Executive Director of Capitol City Innovation, Ed Rudnic, Ph.D., CEO of DisperSol Technologies, Gary Barrett, with Bayer, Holli Hill of Novartis, Greg Hoke from BIO, and Tom Kowalski, President and CEO of THBI.

About THBI

The Texas Healthcare & Bioscience Institute (THBI) is the Texas policy voice for healthcare and bioscience and the only provider of statewide resources to its members and the industry. With a focus on using advocacy as a tool to create a more favorable environment for the life sciences, THBI works with government and industry leaders to attract new participants in the life sciences to Texas and to promote effective government legislation on behalf of the industry. The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute is a nonprofit 501(c)(6) organization. For more information, please visit www.thbi.com. Like THBI on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for updates on healthcare in Texas.

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