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ORNL hosts fourth annual Global Venture Challenge

Oak Ridge, Tenn., Oct. 5, 2009 -- Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) will host the fourth annual Global Venture Challenge on March 24-26, 2010. Global Venture Challenge 2010 is a unique educational event which brings together graduate student teams from across the country and around the world to present entrepreneurial company ideas and to compete for significant cash prizes. The event also attracts venture investors and industry experts from across the country to serve as competition judges, and provides the opportunity for all participants learn more about the emerging energy-related research being conducted at ORNL.

Global Venture Challenge 2010 will feature two independent Idea to Product Competitions. Track 1 is sponsored by the Department of Energy's Industrial Technologies Program and will address innovations in Advanced Materials for a Sustainable Energy Future for advancing technologies to save energy and money, increase productivity, and reduce environmental impacts; and Track 2 is sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security Community and Regional Resilience Institute to address innovations in Community Resilience and Homeland Security for enhancing the ability of communities to recover rapidly from natural and man-made disasters. The event will also include a Venture Showcase to highlight other entrepreneurial ventures in these important areas of interest.

Global Venture Challenge 2010 is a unique event offering graduate students and entrepreneurial businesses a unique opportunity to network with investors and industry leaders, along with experts in the research community who can help further their technologies.

Additional sponsors of the 2010 event include Oak Ridge Associated Universities and the East Tennessee Economic Council. If you would like to become a sponsor or for more information, please contact Jennifer Palmer at (865) 241-4218 or info@globalventurechallenge.com.

To learn more about the event, please visit our website at www.globalventurechallenge.com.