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Creating Communities of Innovation

Steven Burrill to Address Research & Science Park Executives

Steven Burrill, Chief Executive Officer of Burrill & Company will address university research and science park executives in Minneapolis, Minn. at the Association of University Research Parks (AURP) 2010 International Conference, September 15-17.

Drawing innovation leaders from around the world, the 2010 International Conference: *Building the Innovation Engine* will feature networking and professional development for all stages of research and science park development.

As the healthcare and life sciences world experiences a sea of change, keynote Steven Burrill will demonstrate how only companies willing to adapt will succeed. With over 40 years of experience building successful companies in the biotechnology industry, Burrill will offer real-world examples and emerging strategies for research park executives.

"We know that successful *Communities of Innovation* are built through collaboration, shared experiences and strong partnerships," said AURP President Brian Darmody. "This year's program will help innovation leaders, who are developing or operating research parks, build the innovation engine in their community."

Hosted by the University of Minnesota Academic Health Center, the 2010 International Conference will feature tours of the state-of-the-art Biomedical Discovery District, updates from the Economic Development Administration and the latest on the proposed Minnesota Science Park™.

For more information and to register for the 2010 International Conference, which will be held September 15-17th, visit <u>www.AURP.net</u>.

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About AURP: The Association of University Research Parks is a professional association of university-related research and science parks. AURP's mission is to foster innovation, commercialization and economic growth in a global economy through university, industry and government partnerships. For more information visit our Web site at www.aurp.net or contact Chelsea Simpson at chelseasimpson@aurp.net.