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CytoViva™ Captures Award and Accolades for Alabama

Auburn, AL – September 20, 2006 – Alabama has bragging rights to a growing list of biotechnology assets. With over ninety bio-related companies either doing business or headquartered in the state, millions of dollars in externally funded research, and niche bioscience research programs at the state's universities, Alabama can add another feather to its cap. Aetos Technologies, Inc., a technology development company headquartered in Auburn, has been awarded the 2006 R&D 100 Award for its microscopy technology, CytoViva™.

Often called the '*Oscars of Inventions*', R&D Magazine selects the year's 100 most technologically significant products which provides a mark of excellence recognized by industry, government and academia as proof that the product is one of the most innovative ideas of the year.

Invented at Auburn University and commercialized by Aetos Technologies, Inc., CytoViva™ (www.cytoviva.com) is an advanced optical microscopy system with an innovative fluorescence imaging capability. This technological leap captured the attention of R&D judges because it provides a solution to limitations faced by researchers across many sectors. Now scientists are able to view both fluorescent and non-fluorescent sample structure simultaneously and in real time.

To date, the system has been most used by researchers involved in infectious disease, nanotechnology and drug delivery. Chuck Ludwig, CytoViva President notes, "Its applications extend beyond biological research. CytoViva™ is a technology that surpasses anything presently available on the market in terms of providing high resolution images of unstained biological and material samples with the capability to optically view fluorescent labels in real time."

The R&D 100 Awards were established in 1963 and have recognized winning products such as the CW microwave tube (1963), video recorder (1965), electronic calculator (1968),

chromacolor TV picture tube and artificial kidney (1970), NicoDerm® antismoking patch (1992) and the scanning confocal electron microscope (2003). All entries are initially judged by more than 50 outside experts chosen from professional consultants, university faculty, and industrial researchers with superior expertise and experience in the areas they are judging.

CytoViva™ will be recognized in the September edition of R&D Magazine and at the 44th annual banquet in Chicago. Tom Hasling, Sam Lawrence and Chuck Ludwig of Aetos Technologies, Inc. and researchers Oleg Pustovyy and Vitaly Vodyanoy of Auburn University's Vet-Med school developed the technology jointly.

Aetos Technologies, Inc. is a privately held technology development company intended to bridge the gap between university-based research and the commercial market. For more about the *Aetos Model* of technology development visit the Aetos Technologies web site:

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