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Allied Blending Establishing Lab at BRDG Park at Danforth Plant Science Center *Research Park attracts food ingredient company as newcomer to St. Louis region*

March 15, 2011, St. Louis – BioResearch and Development Growth Park (BRDG Park, “bridge”) announced that Allied Blending & Ingredients, Inc. will establish a specialty research lab in Building I at the plant and life science research park at the Danforth Plant Science Center. Allied Blending, a multi-dimensional manufacturer of a wide range of value-added food blends and ingredients sold to food companies worldwide, is based in Keokuk, Iowa.

The lab at BRDG, which will be completed in May, will be Allied Blending’s first satellite location in St. Louis. The company also has laboratories for its tortilla blends and concentrates division in Los Angeles, CA, bakery research in Keokuk, IA and manufacturing facilities in three states including its Iowa headquarters.

Allied Blending’s lab at BRDG Park will focus on product development research and testing on formulations for processed cheese. “Plant based products comprise many key components of our ingredient formulas for processed cheese, so it makes sense for us to be located in St. Louis at the world center of cutting-edge plant science research and technology,” said John Fannon, Ph.D., Vice President of Technical Services for Allied Blending, whose office also will be based at BRDG Park. “We look forward to expanding our opportunities to establish new relationships in such a vibrant atmosphere.”

The addition of Allied Blending complements BRDG Park’s increasingly diversified tenant mix and reinforces the opportunities available to large companies involved in agricultural products and technologies that want to take advantage of the connections available to them through BRDG Park and the Danforth Plant Science Center. “BRDG Park enjoys a strong sense of community with an array of companies representing a diversity of commercialization opportunities in the plant and life science industry. We are pleased that Allied Blending is adding to the varied range of tenants in Building I,” said Sam Fiorello, President of BRDG Park.

About BRDG Park at the Danforth Center

BioResearch & Development Growth Park (BRDG Park, pronounced “bridge”) at the Danforth Plant Science Center helps life sciences companies bridge research, resources and relationships to achieve commercial success. Building I, opened in June 2009, is a LEED Gold facility featuring world-class wet laboratories, office space and on-site workforce development and training. BRDG Park’s location on the campus of Danforth Center facilitates access to the intellectual capital of top scientists, as well as to greenhouse, growth chambers, microscopy and proteomics facilities and other vital resources. BRDG Park, which will include three buildings and 450,000 sq. ft., is being developed by Wexford Science+Technology LLC, a privately held real estate developer and investment company specializing in major university facilities and science research parks in eight major markets. More information is available at www.BRDG-Park.com.