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**TTDC's James Stover Selected as Judge for Oak Ridge National Laboratory's  
Global Venture Challenge 2009**

March 20, 2009 - NASHVILLE, Tenn.—James Stover, Ph.D., has been selected as a judge for Global Venture Challenge 2009 at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, TN.

Stover currently serves as the Director of Capital Formation at the Tennessee Technology Development Corporation (TTDC) where he is responsible for overseeing the activities of the Tennessee Capital Formation Board, an operating committee of TTDC designed to increase the supply and accessibility of risk capital investment for high-potential businesses.

Prior to TTDC, Stover worked as a life science/healthcare analyst with Square 1 Bank in San Diego, after serving as a senior research fellow in medicinal chemistry at the Scripps Research Institute –California. He holds a doctorate in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University.

Global Venture Challenge gives competing teams of graduate students the chance to present their entrepreneurial and innovation-based business proposals to a panel of judges comprised of entrepreneurs, innovators, industry executives, venture capitalists and legal experts. Each team's proposal must address the 2009 competition's theme of Industrial Energy Efficiency. Graduate teams from across the United States and the United Kingdom compete for a \$25,000 top prize.

Global Venture Challenge is presented by Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the University of Tennessee. It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's Industrial Technologies Program. The finals will be held March 25-27, 2009, in Oak Ridge. For more information on Global Venture Challenge, visit the event website at [www.globalventurechallenge.com](http://www.globalventurechallenge.com).

**About Tennessee Technology Development Corporation**

The Tennessee Technology Development Corporation is the state's lead organization for innovation-based development strategies. The purpose of TTDC is to create jobs in Tennessee by focusing on the pillars of an innovation economy - research and development, entrepreneurial growth and capital formation. TTDC is a private, 501(c)(3) corporation created by the State Legislature in 1997 to increase wealth, prosperity and opportunity in Tennessee through innovation. The organization is aligned with and complementary to State Economic and Community Development Department programs. For more information, please visit [www.tntechnology.org](http://www.tntechnology.org).

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