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2007 Canadian Licensing Activity Survey Summary Shows a Statistical Progress Report in Academic Technology Transfer

Deerfield, Ill. — The Association of University Technology Managers continues to demonstrate successes in academic technology transfer with the release of the FY2007 Canadian Licensing Activity Survey™ Summary. *The annual survey is a comprehensive report featuring quantitative information and real-world examples about technology licensing activities collected from Canadian universities, teaching hospitals and research institutions. The report marks the 17th consecutive year AUTM has tracked academic licensing accomplishments, which result in significant public benefit.*

The FY 2007 survey included 40 Canadian reporting institutions (up from 39 the previous year), representing a broad diversity of institutional sizes. Responding institutions reported a major increase in formal disclosures (more than 20%), with 1,844 disclosures having been received. Patent applications filed by Canadian technology transfer offices have grown at a rate of 500% over the past 11 years.

The report illustrates the work of academic transfer offices and their benefit to our communities through innovative technologies, products and resulting startup companies. The report includes success stories that detail real-world contributions from academic and research institutions — from a new product called “*Flax Lignan*” which is a powerful nutritional supplement that reduced cholesterol levels by nearly 20% and reduced atherosclerosis by approximately 35% to “*Detectives Analytics Workbench*” which allows users to quickly transcribe, review, analyze, share, and flag information of interest.

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