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THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA HEALTHCARE
INSTITUTE, COUNCIL OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS, AND ABBOTT,
invites you to attend a

CAPITOL HILL LUNCHEON BRIEFING: *The Professional Science Master's Program*

Tuesday, January 15, 2008
12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.
B-338 Rayburn House Office Building

As the worldwide leader in biomedical research and innovation, California's more than 2,700 biotechnology, medical device and diagnostics companies invest \$26 billion a year toward the development of new tests, technologies and therapies for ailments such as cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's and HIV/AIDS as well as cardiovascular, respiratory and infectious diseases. The life sciences industry is also an important engine of economic growth for the state, providing more than \$18 billion in wages and salaries to 258,000 workers.

The industry's continued growth and vitality depends largely on the well-educated, talented scientists and engineers. To meet these workforce demands, an increasing number of colleges and universities are adopting Professional Science Master's (PSM) programs. The PSM is an innovative graduate degree designed to allow students to pursue advanced training in science, while simultaneously developing workplace skills highly valued by employers. PSM programs prepare graduates for careers in business, government, or nonprofit organizations, combining rigorous study in science or mathematics with coursework in management, policy, law or related fields.

You are invited to a Washington DC briefing for Congressional staff and other interested parties regarding the PSM program that will take place at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 15, 2007, in Room B-338 of the Rayburn House Office Building. Featured speakers will include:

- Michael Teitelbaum, Vice President, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, New York
- David Gollaher, President and CEO, California Healthcare Institute, La Jolla, CA
- Carol Lynch, Director, PSM Initiative, Council of Graduate Schools, Washington, DC
- Gail Naughton, Dean, College of Business Administration, San Diego State University
- Robert Hance, Senior Vice President, Abbott Diabetes Care, Alameda, CA

A sandwich lunch will be served. For your information, the California Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that does not employ lobbyists, and the event will be widely-attended. To attend, please respond (acceptances only, thanks) to rsvp@calinst.org or call 202-974-6384. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 15.