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**BIOADVANCE NAMES EZRA FELKER AS ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE**

*Bioscience Company Founder and Venture Capitalist Brings Expertise in Emerging Enterprises  
and Healthcare Portfolio Management to BioAdvance*

**Philadelphia – October 18, 2005** – BioAdvance, the Biotechnology Greenhouse of Southeastern Pennsylvania, today announced the appointment of Ezra Felker as the organization’s most recent “entrepreneur-in-residence.” The entrepreneur program helps BioAdvance provide scientific and business expertise to support the growth and development of its portfolio of start-up life sciences companies.

“Ezra is a tremendous example of the unique life sciences talent our region has to offer, said Barbara Schilberg, Managing Director and CEO of BioAdvance. As a business founder and venture capital professional focusing on life sciences, Ezra brings significant technical background, proven skills in building and raising funds for startup entities, and crucial perspectives that will be valuable to BioAdvance portfolio companies.”

Prior to joining BioAdvance, Mr. Felker was Associate Vice President, BTG Ventures where he co-managed BTG’s global healthcare portfolio with primary responsibility for North America. Mr. Felker was a founder and director of Protez Pharmaceuticals, a Philadelphia-area antibiotics company. He also managed BTG’s investment in Avera Pharmaceuticals, a San Diego-based neurosciences company, and assisted in BTG’s international portfolio which included Xention, Iclectus, Ketocytonyx, and Senexis. Prior to BTG, Mr. Felker was responsible for corporate development at Icagen in North Carolina where he helped raise over \$19M in venture capital.

In joining BioAdvance, Mr. Felker will apply his diverse business and financial expertise to a broad range of startup companies. “Developing emerging businesses within the life sciences sector has been my focus and strength for over a decade, said Mr. Felker. As I work with the talented group of portfolio entrepreneurs at BioAdvance -- with their wide range of novel technologies and products -- I look forward to assisting them to achieve new levels of success.”

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Prior to his business-focused positions in life sciences, Mr. Felker worked as a protein chemist at Hybritech and Biosite Diagnostics. He received an MBA from Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) where he was a Kauffman Scholar. During that time he also worked with Athersys, a proteomics company and for CWRU Technology Transfer Office. Mr. Felker received a BS degree from the University of California, San Diego. He resides in suburban Philadelphia with his family.

### **About BioAdvance**

As part of a \$2 billion initiative of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the life sciences, BioAdvance received \$33.8 million to accelerate the creation of life sciences jobs and businesses in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Since its inception 2002, BioAdvance has committed over \$9.5 million of its Greenhouse Fund to 28 enterprises and research projects. Their technologies and products cover an array of innovations – from powerful new diagnostics to medical devices and promising therapies for a variety of disabling and life threatening conditions including cancer, Alzheimer’s disease, macular degeneration, obesity, drug resistant infections, intractable pain, and addiction.

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