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KCALSI adds staff member to manage science education initiative

KANSAS CITY (September 29, 2006) –The Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute is pleased to announce the addition of Nicole Riegel as Project Manager for the Kansas City Science Initiative (KCSI). KCSI is a systemic science education reform initiative spearheaded through a partnership with Bayer Corporation and the Kansas City Missouri School District.

“We are extremely fortunate to have Nicole join our group” said Keith Gary, KCALSI Director of Program Development. “She launched this initiative on behalf of Bayer and has nurtured its growth and expansion during the past two years.” In her present role, Ms. Riegel is responsible for administering all aspects of the program, including professional development, materials management and community support.

For the past seven years, Ms. Riegel was employed by Bayer, most recently managing public affairs and communications activities for Bayer CropScience in Kansas City. In this role, she was responsible for crisis communications and local media relations, as well as the company’s science outreach program, “Making Science Make Sense,” the Community Advisory Panel, Kids Day on the Farm, local sponsorships and contributions, including funding from the Bayer Foundation, employee volunteer workdays such as Project Blue River Rescue and United Way Day of Caring, and was active with the Greater Kansas City Area Chamber of Commerce, the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Northeast Industrial Association. She has more than 10 years experience in the communications field as a journalist and public relations manager, and holds a B.A. in communications from Rockhurst College.

About KCALSI

The Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute (KCALSI) is a non-profit organization assisting with the transformation of Kansas City into a center for excellence in life sciences research and development. The KCALSI and its stakeholder institutions share an ambitious goal—to make new discoveries in aging and related diseases, neuro-degenerative and cardiovascular diseases, cancer and infectious diseases and, in the process, become a national leader in biotechnology fields. KCALSI serves as the coordinating body for the Kansas City region’s life sciences research initiatives, specifically as broker, facilitator, matchmaker and potential funding organization for collaborative research initiatives. For more information, please visit www.kclifesciences.org.

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