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**SoyMeds A Finalist for NCTA Annual 21 Award**

**SoyMeds, Inc. Recognized for Excellence, Innovation and Leadership as a Life Science Company**

*(SoyMeds, Inc., Charlotte, NC, November 9, 2011)-*  SoyMeds, Inc., a start-up biotechnology company researching soy-based vaccines, diagnostics and therapies, is a finalist for the North Carolina Technology Association’s (NCTA) 21 annual awards in the category Life Science Company.

The NCTA’s 21 Awards recognize companies and individuals in 21 categories who characterize “excellence, innovation and leadership. “When I read that statement, I knew immediately that SoyMeds represented the epitome of excellence that would qualify for this award,” said Clare Cook Faggart, life sciences program manager for the University of North at Charlotte’s (UNCC) Charlotte Research Institute.  “Ken Bost and Ken Piller (SoyMeds founders) are truly a forward-thinking research team that will change lives.  They are the brightest and the best!”

SoyMeds President Kenneth J. Piller, PhD, and Chief Scientific Officer Kenneth L. Bost, PhD, launched SoyMeds in 2005 after combining their research interests. Piller is a plant biologist and adjunct professor in the UNCC Department of Biology. Bost is an immunologist and a Belk Distinguished Professor also in the UNCC Department of Biology. They’ve raised more than $1.5 million in federal and state grants to fund company research and commercialization efforts. They have published in numerous peer-reviewed journals and speak around the state on the importance of agricultural biotechnology and the challenges of establishing and running a biotech start-up.

“The nomination for an NCTA award recognizes that SoyMeds is not only a leader in science but in business,” Piller said. “It is quite an honor that validates the commitment required to develop and grow a company.”

The NCTA 21 Awards will be announced on November 10, 2011.

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