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## **Montréal InVivo thanks the Montréal mayoral candidates for presenting their vision of the development the LSHT sector**

**MONTRÉAL, QC, October 29, 2013.** Montréal InVivo, the life sciences and health technologies (LSHT) cluster of the Montréal metropolitan area, would like to thank Richard Bergeron and Marcel Côté, candidates running for mayor of Montréal, for having accepted our invitation to present, to the members of the cluster, their vision of how to develop the sector.

“In this final week leading up to the election, I am pleased that these two candidates have maintained their commitments and took the time to meet with us and publicly testify about the important role our sector plays in contributing to Montréal’s reputation and development,” said Michelle Savoie, Chief Executive Officer of Montréal InVivo.

“What particularly struck me is that these two candidates have promised to be ambassadors for our sector in the international community and with Québec and Canadian government bodies, but also that they are committed to supporting innovation and entrepreneurship in life sciences and health technologies in Montréal. Even though their strategies may differ, the candidates agree on the importance of the leadership role the future mayor of Montréal needs to play to develop an economic sector as important as ours,” she continued.

Furthermore, the two candidates insisted on how critical it is to capitalize on the massive investments made in Montréal’s academic health centres and develop centres of expertise that could be a drawing card, not only for companies in search of proximity to these major hospitals, but also for their employees and residents, who would move into these neighbourhoods.

Once again, Montréal InVivo would like to thank Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Côté for their interest in and time dedicated to the life sciences and health technologies cluster of the Montréal metropolitan area.

### About Montréal InVivo

Montréal InVivo is the brand name for the life sciences and health technologies (LSHT) cluster of the Montréal metropolitan area. The cluster comprises almost 620 organizations, including more than 150 research centres, 80 subsidiaries of world-class companies, and 41,000 people employed in the sector. A wellspring of great ideas, the cluster includes four universities and ranks first in Canada for the number of research centres.

The secretariat of Montréal InVivo is a non-profit economic development organization dedicated to the creation of wealth. By mobilizing the relevant actors in order to meet crucial challenges such as innovation, and through the actions it undertakes and the implementation of its strategic plan, Montréal InVivo aims to ensure the sustainable development, long-term survival and international renown of the LSHT sector in Greater Montréal.

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