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NewLink Genetics and Its CEO Are Recognized as High-Tech Leaders by the Technology Association of Iowa

AMES, Iowa, April 13, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- NewLink Genetics Corporation (Nasdaq:NLNK), today announced that NewLink and its Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Charles Link, each received one of the 2012 Prometheus Awards granted each year by the Technology Association of Iowa. The Prometheus Awards are given each year to recognize outstanding accomplishments of high-tech businesses and individuals throughout the state. The awards are presented in 15 categories. Dr. Charles Link, NewLink's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer was honored as CEO of the year, and NewLink was honored with the Breakout Award.

"We are proud to be part of the growing base of high-tech companies in the state of Iowa," commented Dr. Charles Link, NewLink's Chairman and CEO. "We have developed a strong working relationship with our community and continue to expand in Iowa."

About NewLink Genetics Corporation

NewLink Genetics Corporation is a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing and commercializing novel immunotherapeutic products to improve cancer treatment options for patients and physicians. NewLink's portfolio includes biologic and small molecule immunotherapy product candidates intended to treat a wide range of oncology indications. NewLink's product candidates are designed with an objective to harness multiple components of the innate immune system to combat cancer, either as a monotherapy or in combination with current treatment regimens, without incremental toxicity. NewLink's lead product candidate, HyperAcute Pancreas cancer immunotherapy is being studied in a Phase 3 clinical trial in surgically resected pancreatic cancer patients (patient information is available at <http://www.pancreaticcancer-clinicaltrials.com>). This clinical trial is being performed under a Special Protocol Assessment with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. NewLink and its collaborators have completed patient enrollment for a Phase 1/2 clinical trial evaluating its HyperAcute Lung cancer immunotherapy product candidate for non-small cell lung cancer and a Phase 2 clinical trial for its HyperAcute Melanoma cancer immunotherapy product candidate. NewLink also is developing d-1-methyltryptophan, or D-1MT, a small molecule, orally bioavailable product candidate from NewLink's proprietary indoleamine (2, 3) dioxygenase, or IDO, pathway inhibitor technology. Through NewLink's collaboration with the National Cancer Institute, NewLink is studying D-1MT in various chemotherapy and immunotherapy combinations in two Phase 1B/2 safety and efficacy clinical trials. For more information please visit www.linkp.com.

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