Trius to Present at Citi & RBC Investor Conferences

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 23, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Trius Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq:TSRX) announced today that Jeffrey Stein, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Trius Therapeutics, will provide a corporate presentation on Tuesday February 28th at 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time at the Citi Global Healthcare Conference at the Waldorf Astoria in New York. On Wednesday February 29th at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time, he will provide a corporate presentation at the RBC Capital Markets Global Healthcare Conference at the New York Palace Hotel.

About Trius Therapeutics

Trius Therapeutics, Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of innovative antibiotics for life-threatening infections. The company's lead investigational drug, tedizolid phosphate, is a once daily, IV and orally administered second generation oxazolidinone in Phase 3 clinical development for the treatment of ABSSSI. Trius has two Special Protocol Assessments with the FDA for its two Phase 3 ABSSSI trials and has partnered with Bayer HealthCare for the development and commercialization of tedizolid phosphate outside of the U.S., Canada and the European Union. In addition to the company's tedizolid phosphate clinical program, Trius has initiated IND-enabling studies for its Gyrase-B development candidate with potent activity against Gram-negative bacterial pathogens including multi-drug resistant strains of *E. coli*, *Klebsiella*, *Acinetobacter* and *Pseudomonas*. The Gyrase-B program is one of the three preclinical programs fully supported by federal contracts. For more information, visit www.triusrx.com.

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