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**Annual Inventerprise Science Contest Challenges Central Oregon Students**

Bend, OR—Central Oregon students can show their ingenuity while competing for cash and other prizes in the 2018 Inventerprise science contest. In this year’s contest, students are invited to invent something that will preserve or protect an endangered species.

The annual competition for all Central Oregon students in Grades K-12 is sponsored by Lonza Pharma & Biotech (formerly Bend Research Inc.), with help from the Bend-La Pine School District and Central Oregon Community College.

Prizes will be awarded at all grade levels. The students submitting the top high-school entries will receive a portion of the \$2,000 cash prize. The student submitting the top middle-school entry will choose from among a GoPro® camera, Apple watch, mountain bike, tablet computer, remote control quadcopter, or season ski/snowboard equipment lease. Student winners in grades K-8 will receive specially designed T-shirts and be invited to a special Science Night presentation at Bend Research.

Teachers for Grades K-5 are also eligible for prizes. Teachers whose class participation exceeds 50% will receive gift certificates for classroom supplies or books.

Students may choose the most appropriate format for their submission (e.g., poster, movie, model, or essay report). Entries are due at Lonza’s facility at 63060 Corporate Place in Bend by 5 p.m. November 2, 2018.

For more information and contest flyers, students should contact their teacher or principal, visit the contest website at <http://inventerprise.bendresearch.com> or call Bend Research at 541-382-4100 and ask for Amanda Pluntze or Nate Glutting.