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Hercules CEO Manuel A. Henriquez Participates in a U.S. Senate Roundtable to Discuss the Small Business Investment Company of the Startup America Legislative Program

Henriquez will be one of the panelists on the Senate committee roundtable: "A Spotlight on Small Business Investment Companies and their role in the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem"

PALO ALTO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (NASDAQ:HTGC), a leader in customized debt financing for entrepreneurial venture capital and private equity-backed companies in technology-related markets including cleantech and life science, today announced that Manuel A. Henriquez, the company's co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer, will participate in a Senate roundtable discussions on modifications to the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) program.

Senators Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., and Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, have introduced legislation to modify the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) program to raise the amount of SBIC debt the Small Business Administration (SBA) can guarantee. The bill would modify the SBIC program to raise the amount of SBIC debt the SBA can guarantee from \$3 billion to \$4 billion. Chair Sen. Landrieu will lead the committee in a roundtable with federal officials, SBIC fund managers and companies to discuss potential additional modifications to the SBIC program.

WHAT: "A Spotlight on Small Business Investment Companies and their role in the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem"

WHO: Manuel A. Henriquez, Hercules co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer

WHEN: Thursday, March 22, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT

WHERE: 428A Senate Russell Building, Constitution Avenue and 1st Street, NE, Washington, D.C.

About Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.

Hercules Technology Growth Capital (NASDAQ: HTGC), is a NASDAQ traded specialty finance firm providing customized loans to public and private technology-related companies, including clean technology, life science and select lower middle market technology companies at all stages of development. Since inception, Hercules has committed more

than \$2.7 billion to over 190 companies and is the lender of choice for entrepreneurs, venture capital and private equity firms seeking ideal, customized growth capital financing at all stages of a company's development to accelerate business growth and reach the next critical milestone.

Companies interested in learning more about financing opportunities should contact info@htgc.com, or call 650.289.3060.

Forward-Looking Statements

The statements contained in this release that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements including, without limitation, the risks, uncertainties, including the uncertainties surrounding the current market, and other factors we identify from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Although we believe that the assumptions on which these forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, any of those assumptions could prove to be inaccurate and, as a result, the forward-looking statements based on those assumptions also could be incorrect. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this release are made as of the date hereof, and Hercules assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements for subsequent events.

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