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NELSON LABORATORIES LAB DIRECTOR RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S MEDAL



Taylorsville, UT- Dr. Jerry R. Nelson, of Nelson Laboratories, Inc. has received the 2007 Governor's Medal for Science and Technology in the Industry Category. Dr. Nelson has continuously provided renowned service to the medical device industry since 1970.

Dr. Nelson who is currently the Chief Science Officer and Laboratory Director at Nelson

Laboratories will receive the award during a ceremony hosted by Gov. Jon Huntsman, Jr. at Salt Lake City's Clark Planetarium on Nov 13th.

Dr. Nelson did his doctoral dissertation on the standardization of conditions for performance for the Limulus Amebocyte Lysate test (LAL) which the FDA used during development of the first guidance document for LAL pyrogen testing (a test that ensures the safety of medical products).

Dr. Nelson is a Ph.D. Microbiologist and is also certified by the National Registry of Microbiologists as a specialist microbiologist [SM (NRM)] in consumer and industrial microbiology. He is also an adjunct professor of bioengineering at the University of Utah and an adjunct assistant professor of microbiology at Brigham Young University.

Dr. Nelson has made significant contributions to the economic development of the medical device and pharmaceutical industry in Utah. He and his wife Lynda founded Nelson Laboratories, Inc., a medical device and pharmaceutical products testing company. The company, established in 1985, now employs over 280 people. The Nelsons' courage and fortitude in establishing this company have not only been a great benefit to the many employees who work there, but have also created a service hub in a key industry sector, helping to drive economic development in the life sciences industry in the state.



The creation of Nelson Laboratories, Inc. has created employment and scientific training opportunities for many of the state's graduating collegians. This has resulted in better retention of skilled scientists and has helped create complimentary services and talent for the developing life sciences industry.

During the course of Dr. Nelsons' 37-year career, he has regularly assisted local companies in navigating the regulatory requirements relating to the microbiology of their medical device and pharmaceutical products. More often than not, this advice has been dispensed as a complimentary service as a means to help small developing companies succeed and grow. He has continually exemplified the values of integrity, professionalism, and kindness contributing to the overall tone and demeanor of the life sciences industry.

Dr. Nelson was recognized as one of the 100 notable people of the Medical Device industry by Medical Device and Diagnostic Industry (MDDI) magazine in June of 2004. Jerry and Lynda Nelson were also Entrepreneur of the Year finalists in 2003-2004. Dr. Nelson also received a Pioneer Award for excellence in innovation and leadership in life science technology in 1996. Nelson Laboratories was also recently recognized by the Utah Psychological Association with a silver award in the large company category for outstanding efforts to foster employee health and well-being while enhancing organizational performance.