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Nelson Labs Adding As Many as 300 New Utah Jobs

Company Defies Economic Downturn; Completes New Building with Company Expansion

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 19, 2010—Significantly contributing to job recovery after defying a difficult economic downturn, Nelson Laboratories (www.nelsonlabs.com) estimates it will hire as many as 300 people during the next ten years with as many as 75-100 of those jobs coming in 2010. Nelson Labs made the announcement from its just completed nearly 50,000 square foot building—the latest in its expanding campus of medical device testing laboratories, clean rooms, and support and operations offices.

“This is really good news for Utah,” said Jeffery R. Nelson, president and CEO of Nelson Laboratories. “During a time when a lot of companies were cutting back and laying people off, we were able to keep our employees and build this progressive new building to house our expansion. We’ve committed to our customers, our employees, and to the State of Utah our plans for on-going growth.”

Nelson Labs is one of the top providers of full, life-cycle microbiology testing services for medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and natural products. It has a national reputation for quality and rigorous testing standards. Its philosophy, *The Science of Success*[™], looks beyond test results for its customers by helping them reach goals, be first to market, mitigate risk, and find success with their customers.

Established in 1985, Nelson Labs has a strong history of growth in Utah. During its 25-year history, the company has roughly doubled in size every five years and anticipates the growth trend to continue. Its original facility was 24,000 sq. ft. and was expanded to 62,000 sq. ft. in 2001. Including the new building, Nelson Labs now has over 110,000 square feet of office space.

Of the expected new jobs in 2010, hiring has already started with several current positions available.

“We’ve experienced thoughtful and progressive growth,” said Nelson. “This has resulted in a very loyal customer base who appreciates the integrity of our services and the professionalism of our entire staff.”

The first and third floors of the new building will house support offices. The second floor is dedicated to new laboratories for the biocompatibility, microbiology and pharmaceutical departments. The floor will connect via a bridge to the original building, which is now expansion room for the company’s 12 laboratory departments.

Laboratories will include the latest technology and lab equipment in order to continue providing the highest level of service to its customers. The expansion will make Nelson Labs one of the largest laboratory facilities in the country.

With an emphasis and commitment to its employees, the building also includes a gym, a full size cafeteria with company subsidized hot lunches, and a child care and mothering room with work facilities so staff members can continue working while caring for their children.

Big D Construction built the approximately \$14 million building. Architect and design firms included Joseph Linton Architect and Babcock Design.

About Nelson Laboratories

Based in Salt Lake City, Nelson Laboratories is a leading provider of full, life-cycle microbiology testing services. The company is known for exceptional quality, but looks beyond the testing process and partners with its customers to achieve long-term business goals. It's called *The Science of Success*[™]. It's transparency in the testing process. It's approachable experts that guide you through ever-changing compliance requirements. It helps mitigate risk, be first to market, and succeed with customers. www.nelsonlabs.com

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