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LabAnswer Announces the Acquisition of Laboratory Automation Solutions (LAS)

HOUSTON, TEXAS — December 15, 2008 — LabAnswer, the leading laboratory informatics consultancy in North America, announced today that it has completed its acquisition of Laboratory Automation Solutions (LAS). LAS is a premier, laboratory quality assurance and LIMS consultancy that specializes in serving federal, classified, state, and local government laboratories. Government laboratories include public health, forensic, agricultural, environmental, clinical trials, medical research, research and development, water/ wastewater, and material quality testing. The acquisition will result in the formation of LabAnswer – LAS Government Solutions. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

"The completion of this acquisition represents a significant milestone for LabAnswer in our strategy for continued growth into new markets," said Mark Everding, Executive Vice President of LabAnswer. "With the combination of these two strong companies, LabAnswer will significantly increase our ability to serve federal, state and local government laboratories with the same depth and breadth of expertise that have made us a leader in commercial informatics consulting solutions."

"The combination of LabAnswer and LAS has produced a stronger, broader based company with increased capacity to provide our customers enhanced services and solutions" stated Kelly Klepinger, Director Government Solutions. "The combined companies will have the unique capability to deliver enterprise laboratory informatics projects including architecture, selection, construction and long term support to our government clients."

About LabAnswer

LabAnswer is a laboratory informatics consultancy that has the people, processes and experience to scale to handle enterprise informatics projects. Solutions can include single site implementations, global deployments and complete support outsourcing. The LabAnswer team has a rare combination of laboratory science, IT, business and regulatory expertise.

Our team of consultants is composed of multi-disciplined experts averaging over ten years of experience. With a focus on how laboratory informatics supports the overall business objectives, we leverage best practices to deliver improved efficiencies.

LabAnswer provides laboratory informatics services including the architecture, selection, construction, deployment, integration, migration, validation, and support of the following systems:

- Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS)
- Chromatography Data Systems (CDS)
- Laboratory Instruments
- Electronic Laboratory Notebooks (ELN)
- Data Archival or Scientific Data Management Systems (SDMS)
- Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems
- Laboratory Knowledge Management

With the largest team of informatics consultants in the nation, we have worked on over one hundred laboratory informatics projects in the last two years.

About Laboratory Automation Solutions (LAS):

Laboratory Automation Solutions is a vendor independent laboratory quality assurance and LIMS consulting company, specializing in serving government forensic, analytical testing, and research and development laboratories. LAS has provided independent LIMS requirements assessments, supported vendor selection activities, implemented, and supported LIMS projects for large and small DoD laboratories, municipal water treatment facilities, public health laboratories, industrial testing facilities, State and Federal forensic laboratories, veterinary, environmental, agricultural, and R&D organizations. LAS works daily with government laboratories across the globe, solving problems, implementing quality assurance plans, and streamlining operations for large and small laboratories. With a total of over 100 years combined experience in laboratory management, process assessment, software development, and quality control, LAS has assisted organizations in improving laboratory operations and automation implementations.

LAS specializes in assessing the needs of laboratory enterprises and the individual laboratory by developing LIMS acquisition and implementation strategies. Our LIMS services consist of assessing customer requirements through a tried and true business and laboratory operations review process to determine hardware, software, and functional process needs. This typically involves inventorying instrumentation and available automation, analyzing sample processing, reviewing archived data and database formats, examining quality control procedures, evaluating data reporting requirements, and thoroughly discussing functional and system requirements with key personnel. LAS assists in LIMS planning and implementations, including instrument interfacing, legacy data systems migration, testing/validation, and end-user training.

For more information about LabAnswer – LAS Government Solutions, please visit www.LabAnswer.com

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