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## **Respiratory Group Breathes Easy in Kannapolis**

Kannapolis, N.C. (August 27, 2008) – Officials from the North Carolina Research Campus formally announced today that Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute (LRRI) is the latest organization to locate an office presence at the Center. LRRI is a private biomedical research organization dedicated to improving public health through research on the prevention, treatment, and cure of respiratory disease. “Having great minds from Lovelace at the Campus will increase the opportunity for collaborative research,” says David Murdock, Chairman, Dole Food Inc.

New Mexico-based Lovelace is equipped with a broad range of technical and research expertise. They study respiratory health issues of concern to scientists and health care experts in universities, government, industry, and patient advocacy groups. “We are committed to curing respiratory diseases through research aimed at understanding their causes and biological mechanisms; assessing and eliminating exposures to respiratory health hazards; and developing improved therapeutics, vaccines, and diagnostics,” says Dr. Bob Rubin, President of LRRI.

LRRI will locate their Center for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research in Kannapolis. The center seeks to improve human health through conducting research on the risk, cost, and progression of respiratory and related diseases, as well as comparative analysis on the utilization, risk, cost, and effectiveness of pharmaceutical treatments for respiratory and related diseases. Scientists of the Center conduct independent and collaborative research with government organizations such as the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration as well as pharmaceutical manufacturers and contract research organizations. The center is directed by Dr. Christopher Blanchette.

LRRI anticipates opening the new facility in October 2008.

### **About Lovelace**

**Founded:** 1947, State of New Mexico, not-for-profit corporation

**Employees:** 83 PhD-level scientists, 539 technicians and support staff

**Annual Budget:** \$65 million (projected for 2008)

**Endowment:** \$50 million

**Funding Sources:** Grants, contracts, philanthropy.

Research Areas: Asthma, emphysema, lung cancer, inhalation toxicology, aerosol science, inhalation drug delivery, bronchitis, allergies

Web site: [www.LRRI.org](http://www.LRRI.org)

### **About the Research Campus**

Planned as a public-private collaboration, the North Carolina Research Campus combines the research power of world-renowned universities and workforce training programs with the know-how of business. This "dream team" includes David H. Murdock, Duke University, the University of North Carolina system, and the N.C. Community College System.

Other features of the research campus ([www.ncresearchcampus.net](http://www.ncresearchcampus.net)) include:

- A 350-acre campus that complements North Carolina's biotech corridor.
- An initial 311,000-square-foot building to house the core laboratory, a state-of-the-art research facility and private tenants. The David H. Murdock Core Laboratory, to be owned by a public charity created and funded by David Murdock, will feature the most advanced equipment available in the areas of Molecular Genomics, Proteomics, Metabolomics, Bioinformatics, and will include Analytical Chemistry, Animal Imaging, Histochemistry, Microscopy, and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance laboratories. Many of the pieces of equipment are the first of their kind in the world, including the Bruker Biospin 950 MHz Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectrometer, the 454 series of DNA sequencers and a multilaser source cyclotron.
- Other Announced Tenants: Redhat, Labcorp, PPD, Zeiss Microscopy, and Sensory Spectrum
- One million square feet of office and laboratory space.