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All,

We wanted to share with you some wonderful news. Last week, the Infectious Disease Research Center was honored as the winner of the Colorado Manufacturing Awards (CMAs) for 2019 Bioscience/Medical Manufacturer of the Year. The announcement came at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual CMAs gala reception held on April 4, 2019 at the Cable Center on the Denver University campus. Approximately 200 people representing various manufacturing entities from Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico, the

national organization - Manufacturing Extension Partnership and representatives from IDRC/BioMARC and the CSU Office of the Vice-President for Research. The selection of the IDRC was made on the basis of its program of work in supporting the development and manufacture of diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccine products on behalf of government, academic and private sector organizations carried out under the BioMARC operation led by John Wyckoff, Joanna Ellinghuysen, Darragh Heaslip, Celeste O'Connor, JaNae Myers, and Sandy Brown and an incredible team of Research Associates, administrative professionals, students and staff.

The nomination of the IDRC was made by Dan Powers, Director of the CO-LABS organization that represents and advocates for government-sponsored research groups and facilities in the state of Colorado. Dan has been a great supporter of the IDRC and with the help of Howie Carpenter, assembled a highly supportive informational package to submit to the review panel. That submission included background and a description of the RBL, RIC and BioMARC operations of the IDRC and the role that they play in supporting innovation, education and manufacturing related programs in the fields of bioscience and medicine. The following is the description that was read at the ceremony:

***The Infectious Disease Research Center (IDRC) at the foothills campus of Colorado State University is a unique and lively hub of translational biology that integrates academic research, entrepreneurial companies, and a world-class bio-manufacturing operation unified under one roof. Featuring one of the nation's most significant infrastructures for working with high consequence pathogens, industry and academic researchers can mingle as they apply cutting edge biotechnology tools to address some of the world's most pressing health threats. Bio-manufacturing of drugs to be used in clinical trials is performed under FDA regulated conditions within a high containment environment.***

The recognition that comes from peers is often the most highly prized. We clearly know of the exciting and impactful work that goes on day in and day out in the Foothills, supported by countless people in the CSU community who often work behind the scenes to keep our operations running smoothly and efficiently day in and day out, providing opportunity for the delivery of much needed results with often highly challenging objectives. It is wonderful to know that others in our community see this value too. This award is not for any single organization or individual. It is for our entire CSU community that shares in this. It reflects upon and speaks to the mission that we have as a public institution of higher learning, founded on the principles of returning value through the education and training of students, enhancing opportunities for groundbreaking academic research and staying true to a mission to deliver value in response to the needs of our community on a local, national and global basis.

The award came with a crystal tower, a photo of which is attached. We will be placing this in a display case in the lobby of the IDRC in the near future.

Congratulations to all of you on this recognition of your achievements!

**BACKGROUND ON COLORADO MANUFACTURING AWARDS, COMPANYWEEK AND MANUFACTURER'S EDGE, SPONSORS OF THE CMA AWARD**

The only program of its kind in the United States, the CMAs program brings together business leaders in a celebration of the modern manufacturing economy — a multi-industry, consumer and technology-driven sector reshaping America's rich industrial legacy. The CMAs are presented by CompanyWeek (<https://companyweek.com/>), digital media reporting on the regional manufacturing economy; and Manufacturers Edge, Colorado's branch of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) extension organization for manufacturers .

Manufacturer's Edge (<https://www.manufacturersedge.com/>) is the official representative of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) under NIST. Manufacturer's Edge encourages the strength and competitiveness of Colorado manufacturers through coaching, training, and consulting, collaboration-focused industry programs, and by leveraging government, university, and economic development partnerships. Through onsite support and technical assistance, Manufacturer's Edge works to boost the competitiveness of Colorado manufacturers. The experienced engineers and business professionals at Manufacturer's Edge have skills in manufacturing, management, process improvements, and technology acceleration and work closely with manufacturers to provide company assessments and customized solutions including hands-on facilitation and implementation.