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JOHNSON JOINS IN DEDICATION OF LABONE, INC. FACILITY

Project maintains 562 jobs, creates another 400 over next several years

CINCINNATI — Lieutenant Governor Bruce Johnson today joined LabOne, Inc. Chairman & CEO W. Thomas Grant II in the dedication of a new, 136,000-square-foot state-of-the-art medical laboratory testing facility in TechSolve Business Park. The \$21 million project will keep 562 jobs in the Cincinnati area and create an additional 400 jobs.

“We appreciate LabOne’s investment in Cincinnati and its commitment to create good jobs for Ohioans,” said Johnson, who also serves as state development director. “I am confident that Ohio’s skilled workforce, premiere location, and emphasis on providing a competitive business climate will help LabOne maintain its success.”

Headquartered in the Greater Kansas City area, LabOne is a diagnostic services provider. The services and information LabOne and its subsidiaries provide include: risk assessment information services for the insurance industry; diagnostic healthcare testing to physicians, hospitals, managed care organizations and employers; and drug testing services and related employee qualification products to employers and the government.

"The completion and dedication of our Ohio facility represents a significant milestone in LabOne's history. We are proud to replicate the successful model of a state-of-the-art technology laboratory plus an efficient and ergonomical work environment that has worked for us so well in Kansas City," said Grant. "We thank the people of Cincinnati and state and local officials for our warm welcome. We look forward to the continued success of our dedicated employees and clients at this new facility."

In early 2004, LabOne purchased Health Alliance Laboratory of Cincinnati, later announcing that it would create a new facility in Cincinnati. The Ohio Department of Development teamed with Cincinnati to offer various incentives, including tax credits, abatements, development and training grants, and financing assistance. Ohio had been in competition with Kentucky for the project.

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