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Shuster Takes Part in Ribbon Cutting at Site of Lampire Laboratories' New Everett Facility

Multi-million Investment will Bring Biotechnology to Bedford County

Washington, D.C. – This morning, **Congressman Bill Shuster** joined Gregory Krug, president of Lampire Biological Laboratories, and other federal, state, and local officials to take part in a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate Lampire Laboratories' new Bioprocessing Laboratory facility in Bedford County.

“Biotechnology represents one of the most rapidly developing fields in science and is the bedrock of America’s intellectual and economic strength,” Shuster said. “Bedford County and Lampire Laboratories are an important component to the process of bringing biotech and life science related jobs to central and western Pennsylvania.”

Lampire Laboratories’ involvement in Bedford County started in 1989 when they opened their first farm in the area. Since then, their presence in Bedford County has increased substantially with an estimated \$2 million in payroll for 2008.

The new Bioprocessing Laboratory represents Lampire’s most recent investment into Bedford County’s economy. The 18,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility will highlight central Pennsylvania’s involvement in the growing biotechnology industry, add quality jobs and attract even more high-tech investment into the area.

Lampire will use this region to better link economic development strategies to local universities. This will hopefully encourage even more life sciences companies to take advantage of what our community has to offer. This directly translates to more jobs and economic contributions to Bedford County.

“Pennsylvania is one of the top centers of biotechnology in the country and the addition of the new Lampire Biological Laboratories facility further enhances the biotechnology presence in Central Pennsylvania,” stated BIO President and CEO Jim Greenwood. “Lampire is part of an industry that is providing new therapies for disease, more nutritious and drought resistant crops, and cleaner fuel from renewable resources.”

“The opening of this new Bioprocessing Laboratory reinforces Lampire’s commitment to our community,” Shuster said. “I am proud of the revitalization taking place here in Bedford County, and I welcome Lampire as they continue to grow with us.”

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