

Cardinal Health, Inc. Opens New Facility

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Little Rock, AR - Cardinal Health, Inc., the leading provider of products and services supporting the health care industry, announced today that it will establish a customer-care center in Central Arkansas, bringing up to 500 new jobs to the area.

The 71,000 square-foot facility will be located in Sherwood at the Furniture Row Building at 5426 Landers Road. It is expected to be operation in early 2006.

Cardinal Health officials were joined by Governor Mike Huckabee, Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce Chairman Ed Drilling, Metro Little Rock Alliance Chairman and Entergy Arkansas President & CEO Hugh McDonald and other regional economic development and business leaders at this morning's news conference held at Chamber offices on Markham Street.

"Our state's outstanding health care facilities, many which already have strong relationships with Cardinal Health, and a quality labor force were among the many factors that made Arkansas appealing to Cardinal Health. We are honored that they have selected our great state and I look forward to seeing this new operation staffed with smiling, dedicated Central Arkansas employees," Huckabee said.

Steve Peale, Vice President of Customer Service Project Management of Cardinal Health, said, "Our customers rely on Cardinal Health to help them provide superior patient care, and therefore we take very seriously the service infrastructure we are bulding to support them. Our goal is to provide the best customer service in the industry and to support our customers with all of their needs. We see Little Rock and the state of Arkansas as ideal for the recruitment of talented employees who can help us achieve this goal and continue to grow our business for the future."

This marks the third major announcement of MLRA since August 31, 2005. The new FTD oder entry and customer service center in Sherwood, expected to be operational in mid-October, will create approximately 250 new jobs for the area, and the new Ring Container Technologies plant at the Little Rock Port Industrial Park will create 35 jobs.

Metro Little Rock Strategic Plan is working

"Metro Little Rock Alliance has been working hard to implement recommendations from our regional economic development strategic plan," said Hugh McDonald, chairman of Metro Little Rock Alliance and CEO & President of Entergy Arkansas.

McDonald continued, "The report identified specific industries, including helath care, to target for expansion and recruitment. Today is proof positive that we're following the plan and more improtant, that it is working."

Pulaski County Judge Buddy Villines noted, "Our new regional approach to economic development recruitment is working and we've only just begun. I look forward to helping Cardinal Health get acclimated to our unsurpassed standard of living here in Pulaski County."

Jobs Available

Cardinal Health will offer hourly and salaried customer-care professionals competitive compensation and benefits including medical, dental and life insurance, stock purchase plan, 401(k) retirement plan and tuition reimbursement, as well as training and development opportunities.

Recruitment of employees will begin immediately. For consideration, interested applicatns should go to www.cardinalhealthcareers.com, or call 866-225-8974.

Cardinal Health officials will return to Little Rock next Wednesday, October 19, 2005 to hold a "Meet Cardinal Health" open house from 4-8 p.m. at the Pulaski Technical College for individuals intersted in learning more about the new career opportunities coming to Little Rock.

The customer-care center will provide support Monday through Friday for Cardinal Health's 50,000 customers in the United

States, including hospitals, pharmacies and physicians offices. These customers rely on Cardinal Health to help them provide product and solutions to enable superior patient care, and therefore depend on Cardinal Health's customer-care professionals to support them. Applicants should possess strong communication, interpersonal and problem solving skills to respond to customer inquiries or issues in an effective manner.

Cardinal Health Inc. (NYSE: CAH) is a \$75 billion, global company that serves the health-care industry with a broad portfolio of products and services. It is ranked Number 16 on the Fortune 500, and employs more than 55,000 people on six continents. The company manufactures, distributes and packages pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, offers a range of clinical services and develops automation products that improve physical offices and pharmacies. Through this diverse