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5th ANNUAL POSTDOC CONFERENCE AND CAREER FAIR WINS NATIONAL AWARD 2011 Conference Site Launched www.PostdocConference.org

(Rockville, Maryland) -- Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) is pleased to announce that the 2010 Postdoc Conference and Career Fair organizing committee has received the 2011 Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer's (FLC) STEM Award. This award recognizes the committee's outstanding work in support of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. The conference committee, composed of federal laboratory leaders, economic development officials and private sector partners, was competitively selected from among 13 submissions for the award. A formal award ceremony will take place at the FLC national conference in Tennessee this May.

The committee was recognized for developing a content-rich conference and career fair with inspirational and educational seminars; workshops and presentations from technology leaders and entrepreneurs; and information about traditional and non-traditional career opportunities for STEM postdocs. The annual event also offers sessions on resume writing and interviewing skills. In total, more than 2,250 federal and university laboratory postdocs have been attracted to the conference over a five year period, and more than 151 companies have participated to recruit this top science, technology, engineering and mathematical talent. In 2010, all 25 recruiting companies and 18 resource organizations called the conference "a good value". More than 450 post docs attended the 2010 event. The Postdoc Conference organizing committee is led by Sally Sternbach, REDI Executive Director, and her staff.

"This conference leverages our local economic development assets and matches local STEM talent with local companies looking for the best candidates," says Sternbach. "The conference program content provides postdoctoral fellows with insight into local business, entrepreneurial and non-traditional career paths and spurs dialogues that keep national and international talent local and help us to expand our economic base.

Sternbach added, "On more than one occasion, companies who have recruited onsite have brought those young employees back the following year to help recruit additional talent, a true testament to its value. We are very proud of this award and this dedicated group of volunteers from across the STEM universe who produce it each year."

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The conference committee members honored with the winning of this award are: Gerald Aldridge, Montgomery Works; Mojdeh Bahar, National Institutes of Health (NIH); Eric Basques, National Research Council (NRC); Ashley Beasley, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Lynne Benzion, Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI); Brianna Blaser, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); Amy Cassidy, NIST; Lori Conlan, NIH; John Emond, NASA; Steven Ferguson, NIH; Cathee Johnson-Phillips, National Postdoc Association; Ron Kaese, Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO); Srinagesh Koushik, NIH; Clifford Lanham, REDI.; Jonathan Lefman, NRC/NIST/NIH; Terry Lynch, NIST; Judith Nyquist, NRC/ National Academy of Sciences; John Pettibone, NIST; Anne Rosenblum, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority; Al Rubenstein, IASTA, Inc.; Tony Stanco, National Council of Entrepreneurial Tech Transfer; Sally Sternbach, REDI; Amanda Wilson, REDI.; and Susan Zeisler, NIST. .

“This is an exceptionally talented and dedicated group of volunteers who believe strongly in the value of this education effort, and have collectively devoted hundreds of hours to it,” said Mojdeh Bahar of the NIH. “I am proud to be a part of this team and to see the fruits of our efforts year after year.”

The conference is funded by sponsors, recruiters, and supported by nominal post doc registration fees. The Montgomery County Department of Economic Development donates the use of the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center to this effort.

The 2011 Postdoc Conference and Career Fair will be held on June 15. Sponsors and recruiters are being accepted at www.PostdocConference.com. To become a member of the organizing committee or to learn more, call Rockville Economic Development at 301-315-8096 or e-mail Wilson@RockvilleREDI.org.

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