

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Governor Patrick and Senator Mary Landrieu to celebrate groundbreaking for LabCentral biotech hub Thursday

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WHAT: Governor Deval Patrick and Senator Mary L. Landrieu will be among the dignitaries and life sciences leaders to celebrate the launch of construction for LabCentral – a new biotech hub in Kendall Square. Funded in part through a \$5 million Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC) capital grant, LabCentral will provide fully-equipped shared lab space and services for 50 to 60 high-potential entrepreneurs and biotech start-ups. A reception will follow the ceremony.

WHO: Governor Deval Patrick and Senator Mary L. Landrieu, Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, will join the MLSC and Founder and Executive Director of LabCentral, Johannes Fruehauf, M.D., Ph.D., who will host the celebration. Other confirmed speakers include:

- MLSC President & CEO, Susan Windham-Bannister, Ph.D.
- Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (MassBio) President & CEO, Robert K. Coughlin
- MIT Associate Provost, Martin Schmidt, Ph.D.

Representatives from LabCentral's founding partners, affiliate institutions, and sponsors will also be present.

WHEN: Thursday, April 4, 2013, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The speaking program is slated to begin at 5:15.

WHERE: LabCentral, 700 Main Street, Cambridge, MA, 02139

Parking is available at Standard Parking, 800 Technology Square, Cambridge, MA or at 55 Franklin Street Garage, MIT, Cambridge, MA. There is also ample meter parking on most side streets.

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About LabCentral

A state-of-the art 27,000 square-foot facility in development in the heart of Kendall Square, Cambridge, LabCentral will become a home to 50 to 60 high-potential entrepreneurs and biotech startups. LabCentral will provide premier, fully equipped laboratory and office space, expert facility and administrative support, 24/7 access to skilled laboratory personnel – as well as the other critical services and support that start-ups need to transition from a science/technology-focus to a successful commercial-stage enterprise. LabCentral is a private, nonprofit institution, funded in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center. It is slated to open in November 2013. For more information, visit www.labcentral.org.

About the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center

The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC) is a quasi-public agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts tasked with implementing the Massachusetts Life Sciences Act, a 10-year, \$1-billion initiative that was signed into law in June of 2008. The MLSC's mission is to create jobs in the life sciences and support vital scientific research that will improve the human condition. This work includes making financial investments in public and private institutions that are advancing life sciences research, development and commercialization as well as building ties among sectors of the Massachusetts life sciences community. For more information, visit www.masslifesciences.com.