

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Governor Patrick and the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center to Celebrate Grand Opening of LabCentral Wednesday Event will include a major new capital grant announcement

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WHAT: Governor Deval Patrick and the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center will join with leaders from LabCentral to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Kendall-square based shared lab facility on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. LabCentral was constructed in part through a \$5 million capital grant awarded last year by the MLSC. LabCentral provides participating companies with facility and administrative support, skilled laboratory personnel, a domain-relevant expert speaker series, as well as other critical services and support that emerging companies need so they can transition to commercial-stage enterprises.

WHO: Confirmed speakers include:

- Governor Deval Patrick
- MLSC President & CEO, Susan Windham-Bannister, Ph.D.
- Founder and Executive Director of LabCentral, Johannes Fruehauf, M.D., Ph.D.
- MIT President, L. Rafael Reif.

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

WHEN: Tuesday, April 2, 2014, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

4:45 speaking program

5:15 ribbon cutting

5:25 tours & reception

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

Parking is available at Standard Parking, 800 Technology Square, Cambridge, MA. There is also ample meter parking on most side streets.

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About LabCentral (www.labcentral.org; twitter: @labcentral)

A 28,000 square-foot facility in the heart of the Kendall Square, Cambridge, biotech innovation hub, LabCentral is a first-of-its-kind shared laboratory space designed as a launchpad for high-potential life-sciences and biotech startups. It offers fully permitted laboratory and office space for as many as 25 startups comprising approximately 100 scientists and entrepreneurs. LabCentral provides first-class facility and administrative support, skilled laboratory personnel, a domain-relevant expert speaker series – as well as the other critical services and support that early-stage companies need to begin laboratory operations on day one. A private, nonprofit institution, LabCentral was funded in part by a \$5 million grant from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, with support from its real-estate partner, MIT. Founding sponsors include Triumvirate Environmental and Johnson & Johnson Innovation.

About the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center

The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC) is an investment agency that supports life sciences innovation, research, development and commercialization. The MLSC is charged with implementing a 10-year, \$1-billion, state-funded investment initiative. These investments create jobs and support advances that improve health and well-being. The MLSC offers the nation's most comprehensive set of incentives and collaborative programs targeted to the life sciences ecosystem. These programs propel the growth that has made Massachusetts the global leader in life sciences. The MLSC creates new models for collaboration and partners with organizations, both public and private, around the world to promote innovation in the life sciences. For more information, visit www.masslifesciences.com.