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Business Leader Joins Pioneer Valley Life Sciences Institute Board of Directors

Keith M. Parent, chief executive officer of Court Square Group, has accepted an invitation to join the Pioneer Valley Life Sciences Institute board of directors. As the non-profit research institute's first outside director, he will be joining board members from the Baystate Medical Center and the University of Massachusetts Amherst, PVLSI's founding organizations.

As the Court Square Group's founder and CEO, Mr. Parent has long been recognized as a business leader and as a champion for technology-based economic development for western Massachusetts. Under Mr. Parent's leadership, Court Square has been named to the Inc. 500, was three times named to the Inc/Business Week Inner City 100, and was also named the 2002 Small Business of The Year by the Springfield, Mass. Chamber of Commerce. Springfield Technical Community College cited the company with its Hampden County Achievement Award. He has previously been nominated as Ernst and Young's Entrepreneur of the Year as well as a Champion of Bio-IT. He was named a finalist for 2007 CEO of the year by the Massachusetts Technology Leadership Council. The company's most recent accolades include the Massachusetts Economic Impact Award Bronze Winner-2008 and a Boston Business Journal Pacesetter Award, also in 2008. Parent is chair of the Regional Technology Council and a member of the Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts board of directors. He is also a founding member of the Clinical Research Consortium of Massachusetts.

PVLSI executive director Dr. Paul Friedmann notes, "We are honored and excited to have Mr. Parent join our board of directors. The perspective and ideas he will add as an entrepreneur and an advocate for regional technology-based economic development greatly strengthen our ability to achieve PVLSI's business and economic development goals."

"PVLSI is essential to the growth of our western Massachusetts regional life sciences industry cluster. It also continues to play a strategic role in the critically important Massachusetts focus on maintaining life science leadership in a highly competitive environment. I look forward to contributing to its ongoing success as a research institute, as a jobs engine and as a source of new opportunities for Springfield and the region," observes Mr. Parent.

About Court Square Group

Founded in 1995, Court Square Group provides strategic consulting in information technology, business processes and managed services to regulated industries. In the life sciences industry, it is recognized as a leading provider of expertise in quality, auditing and clinical technology services. Court Square Group has offices throughout the Northeast with expansion plans to include select regions in North America. For more information, visit www.courtsquaregroup.com.

About the Pioneer Valley Life Sciences Institute (PVLSI)

PVLSI was created in 2002 as a joint venture of Baystate Medical Center and the University of Massachusetts Amherst with the dual missions of biomedical research and economic development. Drawing on each of the founders as well as its own researchers, the Institute brings together physicians, scientists, and engineers to create interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary teams focused on



the molecular mechanisms of disease and the development of new diagnostic and therapeutic tools.
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