



Invetech's Process Engineering Service Improves Laboratory Workflow Efficiency

(San Francisco, 14 February 2007) - Invetech, a specialist in instrument development and custom automation, is offering clients a unique process engineering service to improve workflow efficiency in laboratories. The service employs advanced models from the engineering and manufacturing industries, using both automated and non-automated approaches, to identify and eliminate pinch-points and to plan for future changes.

Staff in modern laboratories are witnessing increased pressure through growing workloads and time consuming tasks, and scientists have little time to reorganize processes themselves. Invetech employs a team of engineering experts who will integrate with pharmaceutical, clinical and medical laboratory staff to identify causes and analyze problem areas to determine which processes can be changed. The team maps the processes using a state-of-the-art software package and works with laboratory management to determine control strategies. This ensures the changes take place and future additions to laboratory instrumentation can fit seamlessly and efficiently into the new process.

Invetech provides advice on workflow issues and will find the best solutions for each individual laboratory. Its aim is to provide a more efficient working environment where scientists are able to apply their skills for maximum effect, improving working conditions for laboratory staff, and increasing throughput and the quality of results. Its specialists will explain which processes will improve through automation, and Invetech can design, manufacture and deliver new bespoke technology to meet this need. Where automation is not viable, the team will employ models from the engineering and manufacturing industries to reduce pinchpoints.

Jari Palander, Vice President of North American Operations at Invetech, explains: "Laboratory managers and scientists can exploit available process models from the manufacturing environment to improve laboratory workflow without significant investment in new equipment. Automation will play a key part, but improving operations also involves rationalizing the layout, workflow and positioning of key assets in the laboratory."

Invetech has a proven track record in improving laboratory processes worldwide. By integrating its teams - industrial design, software engineering, electronics engineering, mechanical engineering, process automation and contract manufacturing - it provides individual and tailored solutions for each client.

For more information about Invetech's innovative process engineering service, please contact Invetech on instruments@invetech.us, visit the website www.invetech.us, or phone East Coast US: +1 203 675 4502, West Coast US: +1 415 533 1958.

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About Invetech:

For more than 20 years Invetech has been at the forefront of new product development and automation. With experience drawn from over 5,000 projects, Invetech delivers global contract design and development, contract instrument manufacturing and custom automation services to life sciences, drug discovery and pharmaceutical companies, in addition to 7 of the world's top 10 clinical diagnostic companies.

Invetech combines its integrated in-house capabilities, specialist knowledge and diverse experience to deliver better solutions, in the shortest possible time and with less risk, to its clients base of start-ups through to multinationals. Its commercial focus, responsive and flexible approach, and unbiased solutions, means clients get the best outcome with the aim of commercial success.