

ReComS Group receives grant for lab in Humacao

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After acquiring Accupharma's laboratory facility in March 2005, the Regulatory Compliance Services (ReComS) Group has just secured a grant from the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Co. (PRIDCO) for necessary capital improvements. "Our upper management team has, with the help of the grant from Pridco, committed a minimum of \$4 million to upgrade these facilities," said Nidia Acevedo, vice president of operations for ReComS Group. "This 12,000-square-foot facility will become the first metrology lab in Puerto Rico. We hope to be finished with our upgrades sometime during the first trimester of 2007," she added.

Acevedo is confident the metrology lab will transform the ReComS Group into a "one-stop shop" for pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. "We hope this will make us the primary consulting and service company for companies in the life sciences industry. Our clients will not have to send tests to the U.S. for certification with our metrology lab," she said.

ReComS Group is also working toward expanding operations to Costa Rica. "We are working to sign a contract with the government of Costa Rica to facilitate our partnerships with the life sciences companies there," Acevedo said. "Costa Rican companies produce a lot of evasive medical devices and they are in need of our microbiological and calibration consulting and services to meet the strict U.S. regulations," she added. Acevedo said ReComS Group expects to have finalized this expansion by the end of this year, months in advance of earlier estimates.

In addition to Altyma Pharma Services, ReComS Group's operations in Costa Rica, the company consists of five companies. One, Regulatory Compliance Services Corp., works on verifying the quality assurance of products and services to comply with companies and regulatory agencies' standards. Calibration Validation & Research Inc. takes care of most of its customer's validation and calibration projects that seek to reduce costs and maximize productivity.

Acevedo is also proud of an award ReComS Group received this year. "We are thrilled to have been given Johnson & Johnson's Supplier Diversity Award for 2006," she said. She added that ReComS Group competed against other small businesses on a national level for this award. "This award is an indication of our well-trained and qualified employees, our expansion into Latin America and our top-notch, high-tech equipment," she added.



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