

AVANZA Laboratories Names Ira S. DuBey Executive Vice President

GAITHERSBURG, MD – April 4, 2011 – AVANZA Laboratories, LLC (AVANZA), a contract research organization (CRO) providing GLP-compliant preclinical drug development services in the US, announced the appointment of Ira S. DuBey to Executive Vice President, effective immediately. Mr. DuBey brings a career consisting of 25 years of experience in a wide variety of senior executive leadership positions. Mr. DuBey's immediate goal will be to form an advisory board that will provide AVANZA with additional talent to help it grow through organic and acquisitive means.



Ira S. DuBey

"Being able to leverage Ira's experience is a tremendous win for our employees, customers, and shareholders" said Carlos Orantes, AVANZA's President & CEO. "I am thrilled to be working with him once again because I have seen first hand what his contributions do for an organization."

"I am excited to be part of a company with such a strong focus on quality and customer service," said Mr. DuBey. "In today's market, being able to provide a high quality product within the committed timelines is exactly what customers need to depend on."

Prior to AVANZA, Mr. Dubey was Vice President and General Manager at Tandem Labs, A LabCorp Company; where he initiated and developed the Biotechnology Services Business that supported the development of biologics, therapeutic vaccines and biomarkers. Prior to that, Mr. DuBey held executive roles including Director of Immunochemistry Services at Covance Laboratories and Department Head of Forensic Toxicology for Quest Diagnostics. Mr. Dubey holds a Master's degree in Toxicology from the University of Maryland Graduate School and an MBA from the Johns Hopkins University.

About AVANZA:

AVANZA Laboratories is a preclinical CRO that provides high quality regulatory-compliant drug development services. AVANZA is US owned and headquartered in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The AVANZA team is known for its extensive work in toxicology, including vaccines, developmental and reproductive toxicology (DART), safety pharmacology, and product development support.

Our mission is to continue advancing cures through drug development services.

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