

Pharmaceuticals firm to bring up to 85 new jobs to Salt Lake City

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Cephalon Inc., a Frazer, Pa.-based pharmaceutical company that owns and operates a drug manufacturing facility in Salt Lake City, recently began expansion construction to relocate its Brooklyn Park, Minn. facility to Utah.

The move, which will be complete in late 2010, will bring up to 85 new jobs to Utah and cost the company \$16 million, according to Cephalon public affairs vice president Sheryl Williams.

Located in 296,000 square feet at 4710 West Wiley Post Way in Salt Lake City, the local facility produces schedule II opioid pharmaceuticals. CIMA Labs, the Cephalon Minnesota subsidiary moving to Salt Lake City, primarily manufactures drug delivery products for third-party companies.

Williams said the move was necessary for Cephalon to become more efficient. After the move was announced in 200 employees at the Minnesota plant were given the option to transfer to Utah, but Williams said no one has signed up to date.

Although all CIMA's manufacturing operation will move to Utah, Williams said a team of researchers will remain in Minnesota.

Cephalon, which also operates a facility in France, has contracted West Valley City-based Jim Isaac Construction to oversee the facility's build-out.