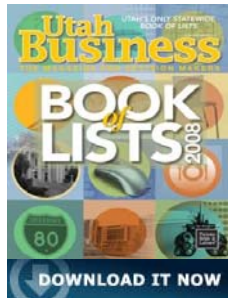


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### Edwards Lifesciences Accepts State Incentive

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Governor Gary R. Herbert and the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) are excited that Edwards Lifesciences Corporation, the global leader in the science of heart valves and critical care monitoring, has accepted the incentives offered by the State and Draper City to expand its manufacturing presence in Utah.

The expanded Draper facility has the potential to create up to 1,000 new jobs in manufacturing, business and engineering. Edwards Lifesciences currently employs approximately 225 people in Utah.

"This is a great example of what can happen, and what is happening, in Utah," said Governor Herbert, who has made growing Utah businesses a cornerstone of his economic development platform. "With its focus on technology and innovation, Edwards Lifesciences is a great addition to Utah's thriving life science industry.

"Edwards Lifesciences' significant investment in our State is a reflection on Utah's dynamic workforce, business friendly environment and high quality of life," the Governor said.

The companies in Utah's life science industry provide roughly 66,000 high-paying, high-quality jobs in the State and generates an estimated \$3.6 billion in annual wages.

"The life sciences are a key targeted industry for the state," said Spencer Eccles, executive director of GOED. "The expansion of Edwards Lifesciences in this sector of the state and their leadership in heart valves and critical care monitoring will help keep Utah a national leader in this arena."

Draper City is particularly pleased to welcome Edwards Lifesciences to the city, said David Dobbins, Assistant City Manager.

"Edwards Lifesciences is an international leader in cardiovascular disease treatments and critical care technologies, and we look forward to having them be a part of our community," Dobbins said. "By relocating to Draper, Edwards will expand its Utah job base and will provide great job opportunities to those living in Draper, as well as surrounding communities."

The Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDCUtah) worked with GOED on this major expansion in the State. "We congratulate Edwards Lifesciences on its decision to establish a new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Draper City," said Jeff Edwards, EDCUtah president and CEO. "This expansion will enable Edwards Lifesciences to significantly expand its manufacturing and R&D capability."

Headquartered in Irvine, California, Edwards Lifesciences currently has more than 6,300 employees worldwide.

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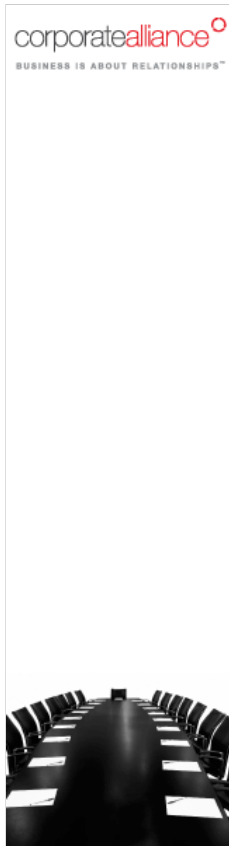
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