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Press Release

Operon invited to sit on Harmonization Advisory Board

Staffing company recognized for their contribution!

Lowell, MA, May 15, 2013: As reported on 26 March 2013, a national harmonization of skill and knowledge standards for the medical device industry was launched. Operon's early contribution earns them a larger role as a member of the Advisory Board.

As part of a \$15 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) a Medical Device Skills Standards Consortium has been established. One of the purposes of the grant is to bring together a group of industry experts and educators to lead a national effort to develop training and expand workforce skills across the \$500 billion biosciences industry.

This program will set new standards and create standard curriculum for community colleges nationwide, issuing certificates and degrees for completion of program elements.

The intent of these skill standards, and the related programs, is to provide a pathway of employment for entry-level job applicants. For those who have been laid-off and found their skill-set no longer useful in the job market, this process will provide the opportunity to re-tool for an industry that is hiring.

The harmonization of these skills between industry and educators in a national community college approach will assure better prepared workers for the needs of Medical Device Manufacturers. It will not only enable more and better candidates for the available jobs; it will improve industry productivity making those companies more globally competitive.

On 26 March of this year, the consortium met for the first of a series of harmonization efforts in Bloomington, IN. As a result of Operon's contribution, the company was invited to join the Advisor Board for the multi-year Medical Device skills standardization project.

The next gathering of the consortium is this September in St. Petersburg, FL.

About Operon: Operon is the leading provider of temporary labor and workforce solutions for healthcare product manufacturing companies. The company has a unique expertise in customized on-site resource management programs for mid-sized and larger companies.

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