



Micro Technologies Blue Biotechnology Manufacturing Grant

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, and special interest to aquatic species product developers

Richmond, ME, January 10, 2007 – Micro Technologies announces the award of a seed grant from the Maine Technology Institute for investigative planning to provide contract manufacturing services. As envisioned, Micro Technologies' "blue biotechnology manufacturing" will aim at products and applications for, or derived from, aquatic species (therapeutics, nutritionals, veterinary biologics, biomaterials, etc.) that call for the company's expertise in such areas as aquaculture, aquatic animal health, microbiology, veterinary science, product and assay development, and quality management.

"The idea was an outgrowth of defining requirements for producing products emerging from our own and a client's research. The concept is straight forward," explains Kris Coombs, who is charged with planning and development. "Our production capabilities could be used to serve others who plan to bring biotech products to trial or market, but who lack facilities or prefer outside production. This grant will help us convert that concept to action plans."

Although not limited to Maine, the natural starting point will be to examine the need for this service in that state, where aquatic species are considered a regional core competency and major natural resource. Paramount will be to also identify pathways to a new laboratory facility needed to accommodate business growth, manufacturing, and expanded research and collaborations. Other key work will be forming an advisory board and examining FDA GMP requirements.

MTI competitive seed grants require 1:1 matching and assist early activities for new products or services in Maine's seven targeted technology sectors, two of which apply to Micro Technologies: "Biotechnology" and "Aquaculture and Marine Technology".

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Micro Technologies, Inc. is a USDA-approved private laboratory and recognized leader in aquatic animal health testing, research, and solutions. Laboratory and on-site work at hatcheries and marine sites includes diagnostics, certification, custom vaccines, veterinary services, research, and assistance with import/export, biosecurity, regulations, and management.

Our work throughout North America and abroad strengthens the health, cultivation, and biosecurity of finfish, bivalves, crustaceans, and other species. For over a decade, aquaculture farmers, researchers, and extension and government experts have turned to the laboratory to help solve tough problems and protect aquaculture health.

"Effectively merging aquatic animal health and technology."