

## NEWS RELEASE

# NC Medical Device Organization Elects Officers for 2005-2006

### *New Industry Association Teams up with NCBIO, CED and Others*

**RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. (February 10, 2005)**– The North Carolina Medical Device Organization (NCMD) has elected officers for 2005-2006 to lead the new group through its first full year of operations. Founded in October 2004, NCMD focuses on enhancing the medical device and diagnostic community in North Carolina through public policy, networking, training and economic development.

NCMD has a growth model that includes key collaborations with complimentary organizations, such as entrepreneurial and small business associations, economic development groups, and technology transfer offices. Specific examples include public policy expertise through a formal partnership with the North Carolina Bioscience Organization (NCBIO). Additionally, NCMD is leveraging the programming and networking expertise of the Council for Entrepreneurial Development (CED) – an RTP-based nonprofit entrepreneurial support organization.

The newly elected NCMD officers for 2005-2006 include the following:

- Chairman – **Rich West**, CEO, Adigy
- Finance Chair – **Sam Taylor**, Executive Vice President, NCBIO
- Chairman-elect for 2006-2007 – **Peyton Anderson**, CEO, Affinergy
- Executive Director – **Andrew DiMeo**

“North Carolina is home to a large number of medical device companies already, and most of the ingredients are here to make the medical device sector a significant contributor to the state’s economic growth, including the large company presence, the research strength, the technical skill base, and the access to capital. I believe that NCMD is the missing ingredient, and that we can help to turn North Carolina’s medical device sector into a world leader,” West said.

In addition to selecting officers for 2005-2006, NCMD is also organizing programs and making other plans for the year ahead. NCMD will partner with Wake County Economic Development for a “Medical Device Industry Seminar and Reception” on February 16 at the N.C. Biotechnology Center. NCMD will host a “Medical Products Regulatory Update,” on May 16, featuring Patricia Love from the FDA’s Office of Combination Products.

“NCMD has big plans for the coming year, including organizing networking forums around the state and assembling an industry directory. We are also planning an annual tradeshow & conference that will bring together North Carolina’s Medical Device Community and showcase the state’s capabilities,” DiMeo said.

Members of NCMD will also receive full membership within NCBIO, including benefits such as experienced advocacy support, purchasing power, and discounted registrations to numerous networking opportunities. NCMD’s partnership with NCBIO is strategically designed to increase the political influence of the medical device and diagnostic industry to positively affect policy and competitiveness.

### **About NCMD**

NCMD is a nonprofit cluster organization with a mission to make North Carolina’s medical device and diagnostic industry a research, development, and production world leader. NCMD serves a broad sector of the industry, including research, development, and manufacturing firms, suppliers, service companies, hospitals, clinics, and educational institutions. NCMD is primarily focused on the medical device industry, including combination products, diagnostics, and medical information systems.

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