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Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno Celebrates Memorial Sloan Kettering's New State-of-the-Art Facility in Middletown

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Trenton, NJ - Illustrating New Jersey's ability to attract development, investment and employment opportunities, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today joined executives from the Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) Cancer Center to celebrate its new facility in Middletown, which will create more than 160 jobs. The Partnership for Action - which includes the New Jersey Business Action Center (BAC) and Economic Development Authority (EDA) - assisted in bringing this project to fruition.

"This project is a perfect example of the Partnership for Action's ability to help make a complex project a reality," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "In addition to the delivery of premier services to its patients, Memorial Sloan Kettering's decision to expand in Middletown will bring a corporate campus that had been vacant for a decade back to life, strengthening the tax base and stimulating the local economy by creating jobs."

MSK is a premiere cancer care and research center. In April 2013, MSK purchased the 40-acre former Alcatel-Lucent property in Middletown that was vacated in 2003. Current plans have clinical operations occupying about half of the three-story building, while the other half will house a new state-of-the-art data center. The new facility is expected to be fully operational by late 2016 and will offer comprehensive cancer treatment, including outpatient surgery and clinical trials to study new and effective cancer treatments.

Prior to announcing its intention to remain and grow in New Jersey, MSK considered locations in New York. The BAC worked in collaboration with the EDA to help cultivate this project, providing advocacy and ongoing customer support and facilitating collaboration at the state, county and local levels.

MSK's decision to expand in New Jersey was supported by a Grow NJ Legacy award from the EDA. The \$7.9 million award encouraged the company to purchase 200,000 square feet of office space and create more than 160 jobs while retaining 100 jobs from the relocation of its Lyndhurst data center operations. The company expects to invest approximately \$217 million on the purchase and outfit of the facility.

"Bringing MSK closer to where our patients live and work, and providing the highest level and most compassionate care is our mission," said Jose Baselga, MD, PhD, Memorial Sloan Kettering's Physician-in-Chief. "Our doctors, nurses and healthcare providers are committed to advancing cancer treatment, research and prevention, so cancer patients in Monmouth, Middlesex and Ocean counties and the surrounding communities will have access to the best care and the most forward thinking teams."

Businesses considering a move or in need of assistance are encouraged to call New Jersey's Business Action Center at (866) 534-7789 or visit the State's Business Portal at www.newjerseybusiness.gov.

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