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Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno Visits Genewiz in South Plainfield and Burpee Materials Technology in Eatontown

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Emphasizes New Jersey's Life Sciences Sector During Fastest Growing Business Tour

hasizing the importance of New Jersey's growing life sciences sector to the state's economy, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today visited GENEWIZ, Inc. in South Plainfield and Burpee Materials Technology in Eatontown as part of her month-long tour of New Jersey's fastest growing businesses.

"Life science and biotechnology companies are critical to driving economic development and job growth. These innovative companies employ our highly skilled residents in good-paying jobs, take advantage of our access to global markets, and drive research leading to new products and therapies to impact the world's health," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "The Christie Administration is committed to working with GENEWIZ and Burpee Materials as they continue to grow and create jobs for New Jerseyans."

GENEWIZ is an award-winning global contract research organization specializing in DNA services. Headquartered in South Plainfield, the company was founded in 1999 as a start-up in a 200 square foot, sub-leased lab. The company advances the research of thousands of scientists around the world with localized support in the areas of academia, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, agricultural, and government.

"GENEWIZ is privileged to house our global headquarters in New Jersey. This is where our company developed into an established global genomics organization with laboratory facilities across the United States," commented Dr. Steve Sun, GENEWIZ chairman & CEO. "Since New Jersey is one of the top pharmaceutical and biotechnology hubs in the country, our customers experience the conveniences of working with a local company while also experiencing the benefits of partnering with a global organization. With the abundant talent in New Jersey, GENEWIZ has been fortunate to grow a strong team of highly talented individuals who provide superior service for our customers. Collectively with the business community, including the EDA, CCIT, and the Business Action Center, as well as NJBIA, NJBIZ, and BioNJ, we are proud to create job opportunities that help stimulate the state economy, as well as contribute to the advancement of life sciences and technologies."

Burpee Materials Technology designs and manufactures medical devices, specializing in stents and stent-like devices and components, ranging from fine neurovascular and coronary devices to large components. Headquartered in Eatontown, Burpee was founded by husband and wife team, Janet and Steve Burpee, in 1998.

"Burpee Materials Technology is pleased and honored to participate in the Lt. Governor's initiative to foster business growth in New Jersey," said Burpee's CEO Steve Burpee. "We are pleased that our success is helping to contribute to the economic growth of our state."

The Christie Administration created the Partnership for Action to serve businesses of all sizes and development stages and provide access to a variety of resources to ensure their success. Led by Lt. Governor Guadagno, the Partnership For Action (PFA) supports the vital role business plays in advancing the state's economy and creating jobs. The PFA is a three-pronged public-private approach to economic development and the starting point for all initiatives, policies, and efforts to grow New Jersey's economy and create quality, sustainable jobs in our communities. The three elements of the PFA include the Business Action Center reporting directly to the Lt. Governor and providing the business community with a single point of contact, applying a proactive, customer-service approach to businesses' interactions with State government; the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, serving as the state's "bank for business;"

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and Choose New Jersey, an independently funded and operated 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation created to encourage and nurture economic growth throughout New Jersey.

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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