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Peachtree Corners-Based AKESOgen Awarded Contract by Department of Veterans Affairs

*The biotech company to collaborate with the Million Veteran Program
in study on how genes affect health*

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, March 5, 2014 – AKESOgen, along with the Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development, announced today that the Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded a \$7.5 million contract for genotyping of veteran samples as part of the Million Veteran Program (MVP).

The MVP is considered one of the largest genetic initiatives to be undertaken in the United States according to AKESOgen’s CEO, Bob Boisjoli and “will provide new insights about how genes affect health. The goal is to improve health care for veterans by understanding the genetic basis of many common conditions,” said Boisjoli.

The MVP, in conjunction with AKESOgen and similar companies, will establish one of the largest databases of genetic, military exposure, lifestyle and health information. The data may lead to finding new methods of preventing and treating illnesses in veterans.

“The company has been an excellent addition to Georgia’s progressive health science network, and they are laying the foundation for tomorrow’s scientific discoveries,” said Chris Carr, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

In December, 2013, AKESOgen moved into a 13,727 square-foot facility located at 3155 Northwoods Place. The biotech company announced at that time that it expects to add 10 new employees in 2014.

About AKESOgen, Inc.: AKESOgen provides biomarker profiling and genomics services for the research and development market, including biobanking, DNA/RNA extraction, and genetic technologies. Founded in 2010, the company serves the clinical, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, academic and government sectors.

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