SLONE PARTNERS TO RELEASE 2012 EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS STUDY AT EXECUTIVE WAR COLLEGE MAY 1-2, 2012

Joint project with The Dark Report offers detailed examination of laboratory industry pay

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. – Findings from the 2012 Executive Compensation and Benefits Study, a joint project of executive recruitment firm <u>Slone Partners</u> and <u>The Dark Report</u>, will be presented at the <u>Executive War College</u> diagnostic laboratory industry conference May 1-2, 2012 in New Orleans, La.

<u>Slone Partners</u> conducts the annual study in collaboration with <u>The Dark Report</u> to provide a reference tool for assessing trends in compensation among executives in the diagnostic laboratory industry.

Participation in the survey is ongoing. Laboratories that would like to participate can contact <u>Slone Partners</u> at 888-424-7800 or <u>The Dark Report</u> at 512-264-7103.

<u>Adam Slone</u>, chief executive officer of <u>Slone Partners</u>, and <u>Tara Kochis</u>, president, will release the results and discuss the findings at a special conference session.

"The information we collect and analyze is a tool that companies can use to make informed decisions when hiring and planning," Mr. Slone said. "The data and analysis allow the laboratory industry to be even more efficient and productive."

The study gathers confidential data from and pertaining to company presidents, Chief Executive Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Chief Operating Officers, Lab Directors, Medical Officers, and Vice Presidents/Directors of Operations, Finance, and Sales & Marketing, among other positions. It also encompasses the broad spectrum of the laboratory industry, which includes clinical, molecular, in-vitro diagnostics and anatomic pathology.

"Compensation is of course one of any industry's biggest expenses, and for any individual it is one of the biggest motivators," said <u>Robert Michel</u>, editor-in-chief of <u>The Dark Report</u>. "By engaging our clients to collect reliable data on salaries and benefits, we are able to fill a gap that has long existed in this key area of business planning."

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<u>Slone Partners</u> is a corporate benefactor of the <u>Executive War College</u>, one of the largest and most highly regarded conferences devoted to strategic management issues in the diagnostic laboratory industry.

For information about Slone's presentation on the findings of the 2012 Executive Compensation and Benefits Study at the Executive War College on May 1-2, 2012, in New Orleans, visit <u>www.executivewarcollege.com</u>.

About Slone Partners

<u>Slone Partners</u> is a premier national recruitment firm that specializes in delivering top executive, management, and sales talent for the diagnostic laboratory industry, with an expertise in molecular diagnostics and anatomic pathology. It draws upon a broad network of laboratory industry talent and a management team with direct experience in the laboratory industry to identify and recruit only the top candidates for its clients.

About The Dark Report

<u>The Dark Report</u> is a periodic intelligence report founded in 1995 by R. Lewis Dark, publisher emeritus. The publication reports news about the latest facts and trends and key analysis (not just news like other sources) that affect medical laboratories of all kinds. The Dark Group, Inc., and The Dark Report Intelligence Service provide intelligence and strategic market analysis exclusive to CEOs, CFOs, COOs, pathologists, senior laboratory executives, and investment professionals.

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