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LIBERTY MEDICAL RECEIVES GRANT FOR ST. LUCIE TRAINING

The Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, Inc. (EDC) is pleased to announce that Liberty Medical, one of St. Lucie County's major employers, has received a grant related to the company's plan to hire as many as 800 full-time employees, over time, at its four existing facilities located in the City of Port St. Lucie.



Left to right: L. Pelton, EDC; K. Jones, Liberty Medical;
Port St. Lucie Mayor Christensen, T. Jones, EDC Chair.

Liberty Medical, a wholly owned subsidiary of Medco Health Solutions, Inc. (NYSE: MHS), was awarded a Quick Response Training Grant (QRT) from Workforce Florida, Inc. in Tallahassee, to train as many as 800 new-hire employees and as many as an additional 1,500 incumbent workers on new software, beginning in February 2009.

"This additional training is critical to expanding our nationwide leadership focused on improving the quality of affordable care to enhance the treatment for our patients with diabetes" said Keith Jones, Liberty's chief operating officer. "We appreciate this long-standing public-private collaboration, which provides opportunities throughout a community that we are proud to call home."

"We are grateful to be selected as the location for this Liberty initiative. EDC understands that a variety of employment opportunities are necessary to build a sustainable economy in our county and region, and the announcement today could not be more welcome. We also thank those organizations who assisted in making this area attractive to Liberty and congratulate the City of Port St. Lucie," said Thom Jones, Chair of the EDC.

Liberty has been located in Port St. Lucie since April 2000 and currently employs approximately 1,800 people. For competitive reasons, the company did not release additional detail on its business plans.

An estimated 20.8 million people in America have diabetes and that number is expected to grow. Diabetes and pre-diabetes continues at a pace many consider as reaching epidemic proportions, and compliance with diabetes therapy is the best way to ensure patients remain healthy and to avoid tragic and costly complications from diabetes.

Liberty is a subsidiary of Medco Health Solutions, Inc., a leader in managing prescription drug benefit programs that are designed to moderate the cost and enhance the quality of pharmacy health care. Liberty is the nation's premier provider of diabetes care services. Together with Medco, Liberty serves approximately 4 million patients. In 2007, the total estimated cost of diabetes was \$174 billion.

Partners who worked with Liberty Medical to secure the QRT grant and to recruit the expansion to our county included the EDC, Workforce Florida, Enterprise Florida, Indian River State College – fiscal agent for the QRT Grant, and Workforce Solutions. Workforce Solutions will work with Liberty to assist in recruiting employees to fill the positions which include call center, distribution, administrative and management positions.

For more information about the positions available, visit Liberty's website at www.libertymedical.apply2jobs.com or call 1-866-691-9277.

The mission of the EDC is to encourage a competitive environment that nurtures clusters of industries employing state of the art technologies, a skilled workforce, and that stimulates economic growth through expansion of the private sector. For more information about the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, visit www.YourEDC.com or call (772) 879-4144.

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