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## BIOOHIO CHOOSES MASON AS ITS SOUTHWEST CAREER FAIR BECAUSE OF ITS WELL ESTABLISHED BIO ECOYSYSTEM

Mason, OH – (February 15, 2017) – Another example of the City of Mason's commitment to talent attraction and public-private partnerships (P3), the City today announced it will host the Ohio Bioscience Career Fair – Southwest Region Career Fair **tomorrow, Thursday, February 16, 2017, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mason Municipal Building, 6000 Mason Montgomery Road.** 

This annual event is designed to match job seekers with Ohio's growing biomedical organizations, featuring top employers in the biotech, pharmaceutical, R&D, and medical device industries. The anticipated 150+ attendees include recent and soon-to-be graduates as well as experienced individuals looking for new career paths. Exhibitors include Advanced Testing Laboratory, Aerotek, Alkermes, Assurex Health, AtriCure, Avecia, Camargo, Medpace, Open Therapeutics, Patheon, and RAM Precision Industries. The event is also supported by JobsOhio, REDI Cincinnati, and Healthcare Businesswomen's Association.

The event is coordinated by BioOhio, the lead organization for the bioscience community and a key strategic partner of the City of Mason in its initiative to drive a biohealth economy. BioOhio represents more than 330 members that employ over 100,000 Ohioans. Members include students, individuals, emerging startups, schools and universities, research institutions and Ohio's largest employers.

"The BioOhio career fair in Mason is a consistent success for the bioscience community," said BioOhio President and CEO John F. Lewis, Jr. "Mason's leadership in the biohealth sector and their engagement with BioOhio is proven by growing companies such as <u>Assurex Health</u> and <u>AtriCure</u>, both exhibiting at the career fair. BioOhio is proud to see a commitment from the public and private sectors to fostering wellness and economic growth in Ohio."

"We have taken a holistic approach to growing a biohealth hub in the City of Mason," said Mayor Victor Kidd. "Our partnerships with companies like Assurex Health and AtriCure are part of our strategy to ensure our science community is growing and has the right talent resources to do so."

Assurex Health, a leader in molecular diagnostics and personalized medicine, was acquired in 2016 by Myriad Genetics (NASDAQ:MYGN).

"We love having BioOhio here on the Mason campus each year, bringing 200 to 300 employers and job seekers with an interest in science and research," said Michele Blair, Mason's Economic Development Director. "This activity drives new conversations, new exposures and economic development."

To register as a job seeker, please visit <u>www.bioohio.com/events/career-fairs</u>.

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**ABOUT BIOOHIO:** BioOhio connects and serves Ohio's bioscience community to drive success in improving global quality of life. Founded in 1987, BioOhio is a member-guided service supporting Ohio's bioscience community through networking, advocacy, events, talent, information, and cost savings. BioOhio represents 350 members that employ over 100,000 Ohioans – from Ohio's largest employers to emerging start-ups, schools & universities, research institutions, students, and individuals. Learn more at BioOhio.com.

**ABOUT THE CITY OF MASON:** Mason, Ohio, is an established hub for bioscience innovation and includes an extensive business portfolio, including advanced manufacturing, healthcare and technology industries among others. As the largest city in Warren County and part of the Greater Cincinnati region in southwest Ohio, Mason's economic development mission is focused on attracting and supporting the growth of top companies and creating jobs in these key sectors, while leveraging partnerships to also attract foreign direct investment. Ranked the seventh best place to live by CNN/Money Magazine in 2013, Mason is nationally-recognized for its low cost of living, award-winning schools and its intentional culture of wellness. For more information, visit WhyMason.com.