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## **Benchmark Biolabs and Antelope Valley Bios receive Manufacturer of the Year award**

*AgriLabs subsidiaries honored by Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.*

**September 28, 2016 (St. Joseph, MO)** –AgriLabs is pleased to announce that the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce honored both Benchmark Biolabs and Antelope Valley Bios as Manufacturer of the Year. This award was received at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce’s annual Celebrate Business Awards luncheon on September 20, 2016. The Celebrate Business Awards luncheon recognizes and honors area businesses and individuals for their contributions to the community and their individual business achievements in eight categories.

The Manufacturer of the Year award serves to bring attention to Lincoln’s manufacturing community and their contributions made to Lincoln both economically and socially. The manufacturer must be forward thinking in product development utilizing technology to revolutionize the manufacturing industry.

“We are extremely excited to receive this honor from the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce,” said Steve Schram, President and Chief Executive Officer for AgriLabs. “We are proud of the staff at Benchmark Biolabs and Antelope Valley Bios for their continuous forward-thinking, advanced research, and meeting the standards of being a USDA-licensed vaccine manufacturing facility.”

In April, AgriLabs acquired Antelope Valley Bios and Benchmark Biolabs to complete the concept-to-commercialization services for vaccines used in animal health, and some human health. The contract research and manufacturing facilities in Lincoln have developed into a state-of-the-art complex that is focused on bringing cutting-edge vaccine technology to the marketplace.

“We want to thank the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce for this award and for their continued support towards our growth in the Lincoln community and as a staple in the animal health industry,” said Schram.

To learn more about Benchmark Biolabs and Antelope Valley Bios, view the Manufacturer of the Year award acceptance video at <https://youtu.be/eihdm2fT7l0>.

To learn more about the 2016 Celebrate Business Awards and other award winners visit <https://goo.gl/mp7omq>.

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**About AgriLabs:** [AgriLabs®](#) of St. Joseph, Mo. is a leading marketing and sales distribution company for food animal products. Its distribution network reaches over 90% of the food animal end users and retail outlets in the United States. Through technology transfer and cooperative development agreements, AgriLabs has introduced state-of-the-art products for beef, dairy and companion animal industries.

**About Antelope Valley Bios:** [Antelope Valley Bios](#) of Lincoln, Nebr. is a USDA-licensed company that provides Contract Manufacturing space for start-up companies or established multinational companies to produce a wide variety of biological products for the U.S. market

**About Benchmark Biolabs:** [Benchmark Biolabs](#) of Lincoln, Nebr. offers integrated service across the entire biological development continuum. It created the first foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) vaccine developed without using a live FMD virus, and co-developed the first USDA-licensed plant-derived vaccines.

**About VaxLiant LLC:** [VaxLiant®](#) provides innovative antigen-delivery systems and technical support that gives companies the flexibility they need to develop and commercialize safe, effective vaccines. VaxLiant offers a portfolio of ready-to-use ENABL adjuvants and fully customizable BioMize adjuvants to modernize how vaccines deliver antigens to prevent disease.



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