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Vestara Wins Prestigious Practice Greenhealth “Champion for Change Award”

Irvine, CA, May 10, 2010 – Vestara, the healthcare industry’s only provider of automated pharmaceutical waste management solutions, is proud to announce that it was honored as winner of Practice Greenhealth’s coveted “Champion for Change Award” for outstanding contributions to environmentally responsible healthcare. Practice Greenhealth, a national membership organization for healthcare facilities committed to environmentally responsible operations, will announce and present its top performers at its Environmental Excellence Awards Ceremony May 13, 2010, held in Baltimore, MD, in conjunction with CleanMed, the premier Global Conference on Environmentally Sustainable Healthcare.

Practice Greenhealth’s “Champion for Change Award” recognizes businesses and organizations that demonstrate successful accomplishments in assisting their associated healthcare facility clients in improving their environmental performance and in ‘greening’ their own organizations.

“The award is a reflection of Vestara’s commitment to its customers and the community to protect patient health and to preserve the environment,” said Anna Gilmore Hall, Executive Director of Practice Greenhealth. “It is exciting to know that Vestara is leading this effort and setting an example for other institutions, especially in providing an innovative, compliant, and cost-effective solution to automatically manage pharmaceutical waste in today’s modern healthcare systems.”

Vestara’s EcoRex® Automated Pharmaceutical Waste Management System utilizes barcode technology through a proprietary, continuously-updated database of more than 180,000 NDC products, to instantly categorize pharmaceutical waste at time of presentation. By automating the identification and sorting of different types of residual drugs, empty containers, and each hospital’s unique admixtures, EcoRex eliminates the human error and potential cross contamination inherent in manual sorting of pharmaceutical waste, reducing the negative impact on the environment. Just as important, relevant data and an audit trail are provided in the form of comprehensive reports for client records and proof of compliance.

“Vestara has diligently worked over the past year to focus on providing a viable solution for the healthcare industry in cost-effectively, compliantly, and environmentally managing pharmaceutical waste,” said James Young Kim, Vestara Vice President of Marketing. “We are honored to be recognized for these efforts and will continue to partner with Practice Greenhealth and its members in providing the healthcare industry with the very best solution in managing pharmaceutical waste in today’s global efforts to “green” the environment.”

To commemorate Vestara’s recognition of the “Champion for Change Award”, any EcoRex purchases made by a Practice Greenhealth member between today and June 30th, 2010 will receive a special promotional discount.

For further information about Vestara and its solutions, please call 949-660-8648 or email sales@vestara.com.

About Vestara

Vestara, headquartered in Irvine, CA, provides proprietary technology to automatically identify, sort, and segregate hazardous and non-hazardous pharmaceutical waste into proper waste streams. Vestara's solutions not only assure clients will be compliant with all federal and state laws, but that they will experience a more efficient health system workforce and true cost savings in managing pharmaceutical waste. Most importantly, clients will play a critical role in preserving our precious environment. To learn more, please visit www.vestara.com.

About Practice Greenhealth

Practice Greenhealth is the nation's leading membership and networking organization for institutions in the healthcare community that have made a commitment to sustainable, eco-friendly practices. Members include hospitals, healthcare systems, businesses, and other stakeholders engaged in the 'greening' of healthcare to improve the health of patients, staff, and the environment. Practice Greenhealth is a source of environmental solutions for the healthcare sector. For more information on Practice Greenhealth, healthy initiatives, current trends, news and events, and other links to earth-friendly organization, visit www.practicegreenhealth.org.