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**United States Industry Coalition, Inc.**

**Opportunity Alert: USIC Seeks Companies with Animal Study Capabilities for Federal Client. Deadline: Friday, July 30, 2010**

As part of USIC's business development initiative, we are positioning to bid Federal opportunities that require technologies that match USIC member capabilities. In order to engage these clients and to promote your technologies, we request technology and capability descriptions from our members for the following requirements:

- Current approved Federal/state and/or local licenses/certifications for animal work.
- Established protocols for routine care and health surveillance for laboratory animals (including on-call veterinary coverage 24 hours/day).
- Ability to conduct pilot studies to establish natural history of selected CBRN agents in appropriate animal species.
- Ability to provide microbiological support for pathogens.
- Capability of controlled exposure of various animal species to chemical threat agents to develop animal models to evaluate the efficacy of potential countermeasures to the following:
  - o Nerve Agents
  - o Vesicants
  - o Cyanide
  - o Pulmonary agents, and
  - o Toxic industrial chemicals (TICs) by inhalation, ingestion and topical routes
- Capability to perform radiation exposure studies using Cs-137, Co-60, LINAC, X-ray or other accepted instrumentation for controlled exposures of animals to lethal radiation within the constraint of acceptable dose rates with uniform field flux, and field sizes for large and small animals. (Note: Predominant need is ionizing radiation dose rates w/in 50-400 cGy/min.)
- Any other relevant capabilities and technologies members believe can be utilized immediately.

**NOTE:** *If your firm's capabilities include any of the above-mentioned technologies, please e-mail Khurram Chhipa, USIC Project Associate at [kchhipa@usic.net](mailto:kchhipa@usic.net) by Friday, July 30, 2010. Technologies may be of foreign origin. All information e-mailed Mr. Chhipa regarding capabilities and technology will be kept confidential.*