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St. Lucie County EDC assists in HealthChem expansion

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — The Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County Inc. has assisted in the expansion to St. Lucie County of HealthChem Diagnostics, LLC, a medical diagnostics research and manufacturing firm.

The company plans to create 160 jobs over the next five years, along with a capital investment of \$27 million in its new facility to be based in Fort Pierce.

Through Enterprise Florida and the Governor's Office of Trade, Tourism and Economic Development, HealthChem Diagnostics was awarded a Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund.

The county will give the company property tax abatement based on job creation, capital investment and commitments, along with impact fee reimbursement and accelerated permitting.

The facility will manufacture the patented TD Glucose skin patch for use in the TD Glucose Monitoring System. The system will be available for sale first in the European Union in early 2011.



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