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By The Numbers

- Employs up to 10 highly-trained lab staff including molecular biologists, genetics and clinical chemists
- Located in 1,000 sq ft of ISO Class 7 (Class 10,000) clean room space
- The Port Authority has 249,000 sq ft of clean room space on the Aerospace Center campus

"Proudly, geneticists now join metallurgists, machinists, aerospace engineers, radiac technicians, metrologists, and brew masters among the diverse STEM industry careers found with our customers at the Aerospace and Technology Center campus," said Port Authority President and CEO Rick Platt. "The Port Authority took a huge leap of faith building a clean room on speculation in the middle of a Recession. That leap promises to pay dividends for the regional economy, though, when we can attract a cutting-edge, life sciences company like Firefly to set up roots and grow here."

— Rick Platt, President and CEO
Heath-Newark-Licking County
Port Authority

Firefly Diagnostics and Chromocare Establish State-of-the-Art Lab in Port Authority's Horton Building

Ohio Route 79 from I-70 to St Rt 16 in Central Licking County has been dubbed the Advanced Materials Corridor because of its unique mix of materials handled by companies in the almost 12 million square feet of buildings there. Aluminum, fiberglass, steel, plastics, rubber, composites, food, and carbon fiber products take shape every day. Now, add genetic material to the mix.

Firefly Diagnostics, a Toronto, Ontario, Canada-headquartered company, recently signed a lease with Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority to occupy the clean room at the Port Authority's Horton Building. Firefly, and its New Albany-based marketing and physician-facing arm Chromocare, have established a new genetic testing lab to enter the emerging personalized medicine field.

Although genetic testing for drug compatibility is a relatively new practice, it has been widely endorsed by leading medical and health organizations including the American Medical Association, the Food and Drug Administration and more than 80 hospitals and centers of medical research. President Obama mentioned it in his State of the Union address and has focused national attention on this cutting-edge application. The Genetic Assisted Prescribing Test is the most comprehensive pharmacogenetic test on the market covering the widest range of therapeutic areas and prescription drugs.



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