



ADVISORY/Abgenix Scales Up!; Abgenix to Hold Private Job Fair to Recruit for Large Number of Jobs in Manufacturing and Quality

--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Abgenix:

Who: Abgenix, a Fremont-based biopharmaceutical company, is hosting one of the largest local job fairs to date for biotechnology manufacturing and quality. President and CEO Raymond Wityh, Ph.D., will be available for photographs and interviews, along with Fremont Mayor Gus Morrison, who will attend the event on behalf of the City of Fremont.

What: Abgenix is holding a job fair for its new, state-of-the-art, 100,000-square foot biologics manufacturing facility, which recently received a California Construction "Best of 2003" award. Abgenix plans to increase its workforce at the site by more than 20% and is looking for talented candidates to fill dozens of positions in manufacturing, quality assurance, quality control, and other areas. Abgenix currently employs approximately 400 workers in Fremont.

Where: Abgenix Corporate Headquarters, 6701 Kaiser Drive, Fremont, Calif.

When: Saturday, March 27, 2004, 1:00-4:00 pm

Why: "Abgenix has assembled the specialized facilities and has developed the expertise required to produce human therapeutic antibodies on both a clinical and commercial scale. Now we need the best, most experienced people to help us produce the therapies of the future," says Raymond M. Wityh, Ph.D., president and CEO of Abgenix.

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About Abgenix: Abgenix is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and manufacturing of human therapeutic antibodies. The company's antibody development platform includes a leading technology and state-of-the-art manufacturing capabilities that enable the rapid generation, selection and production of high affinity, fully human antibody product candidates to a variety of disease targets. Abgenix leverages its leadership position in human antibody technology to build a diversified product portfolio through the establishment of collaborations with multiple pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. For more information on Abgenix, visit the company's website at www.abgenix.com.

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