

HOUSTON

Third Coast for Life Sciences



The Texas Medical Center has positioned Houston as the global leader for life sciences innovation and technology. The region has more than 1,760 life sciences companies, cutting edge hospitals, health facilities and research institutions with a workforce of more than 320,000 people.

Case Studies: Health & Life Sciences

Lonza

Lonza, a Swiss based bio firm, opened the world's largest dedicated cell-and-gene therapy-facility in Pearland with capacity to produce treatment for thousands of patients suffering from rare genetic disorders or life-threatening diseases. Lonza is one of the world's leading and most-trusted suppliers to the pharmaceutical, biotech and specialty ingredients markets.

200
jobs

\$11.3M
capital investment

300,000
square-foot facility

“ Lonza is committed to the evolution and cultivation of a diverse medical and life-science community in the Greater Houston area for many years to come. Combining this leading-edge facility with our unmatched experience and expertise in cell and gene therapy will allow us to provide a key advantage to biopharmaceutical companies and academic researchers and ultimately to the patients they serve. ”

- **Marc Funk**, Chief Operating Officer, Lonza Pharma & Biotech



United Imaging, a China-based global leader in advanced medical imaging and radiotherapy equipment, announced opening of an expanded service complex in Houston in 2020 as part of initiative to expand its presence throughout the Americas and beyond. The facility serves as an assembly and shipping factory for the U.S. and operate as a global showroom for products.

140+
jobs

\$112M
investment

91,000
square-foot complex

“ At the Houston factory, in the short- to mid-term we will be assembling and shipping products to the entire U.S., and our facility will also operate as a global showroom for our products. In the longer term, this facility is a strong foundation for an expanded global supply chain with jobs and manufacturing content. ”

- **Jeffrey M. Bundy**, CEO, United Imaging Healthcare Solutions



VGXI, a leading contract manufacturer of plasmid DNA, broke ground on a new manufacturing facility in Deison Technology Park in Conroe. The initial phase of the project will quintuple the company's current production capacity. The new headquarters will provide much needed space for laboratories, purification, filling, packaging, warehousing, and process support. It will also provide measurable office and conference space with associated amenities to accommodate VGXI's recent and future growth.

\$57M
Investment

240,000
square feet

80
jobs

“ Today represents a major milestone in VGXI's mission-driven commitment to revolutionize the global pharmaceutical community by providing the highest quality DNA products and services. ”

- **Young Park**, CEO, VGXI, Inc



TestCard, a UK based health-tech company developed a disruptive response to the traditional clinical pathway of health testing. The company was one of 16 promising companies selected for the Texas Medical Center's TMCx—one of the country's leading medical device and digital health accelerator. The company plans to introduce its first product, an at home testing kit that transforms your smartphone into a medical grade scanner.

1,300
square-foot office

“ We're planning to push out a new test every six to eight weeks. The possibilities of what TestCard can deliver to global healthcare is extremely exciting. ”

- **Luke Heron**, Co-Founder, TestCard

The Greater Houston Partnership assists companies in site selection analysis, incentive evaluation and application, aid in the permitting process, provide key data on business facilities, and help connect with civic, industry, and ecosystem leaders.

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