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ScaleReady Announces \$20 Million G-Rex® Grant Program for the Advancement of Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) Development and Manufacturing

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 29, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- ScaleReady, in collaboration with Wilson Wolf Manufacturing, Bio-Techne Corporation (NASDAQ: TECH) and CellReady, today announced the launch of the G-Rex® Grant Program, a \$20 million initiative to propel the advancement of cell and gene therapies (CGT).

The G-Rex® Grant Program will provide academic and commercial institutions engaged in IND enabling pre-clinical research, process development, and/or ongoing GMP manufacturing of cell and gene therapies with the material resources and services needed to implement or optimize a highly efficient G-Rex® based cell manufacturing platform. Qualifying programs can receive up to \$300,000 in G-Rex® devices, critical reagents, capital equipment, application support, and manufacturing consultation services.

"Wilson Wolf is eager to participate in the G-Rex® Grant Program," said John Wilson, CEO of Wilson Wolf Manufacturing. "G-Rex® is used in nearly 50% of CGT clinical trials and four commercially approved T cell therapies. We hope everyone using G-Rex®, or considering G-Rex®, will take advantage of our extensive cell therapy manufacturing expertise. Time and money are the two most important things in short supply in this field and we can help fix that. When allowed to review batch records, we have a proven history of saving many months and millions of dollars while simultaneously increasing yield and potency."

"The G-Rex® Grant Program is a transformative initiative that will significantly reduce the barrier to entry for CGT institutions who seek access to our industry leading G-Rex® platform," said Josh Ludwig, Global Commercial Director at ScaleReady. "Time is the most valuable resource we all have. G-Rex® is the only integrated development and manufacturing platform in the world that provides continuity between the research, development, and manufacturing functions. G-Rex® platform continuity saves valuable time by ensuring that critical process parameters (CPPs) and critical quality attributes (CQAs) are conserved during the translation or troubleshooting process. By equipping researchers and developers with the best-in-class tools and expertise they need, we can accelerate the development and improve the manufacturability of these potentially lifesaving treatments."

"Bio-Techne is committed to providing researchers with the tools they need to develop groundbreaking therapies," said Will Geist, President of Bio-Techne's Protein Sciences Segment. "The G-Rex® Grant Program aligns perfectly with this mission by supporting the development of cell and gene therapies that have the potential to revolutionize healthcare."

G-Rex® Grants will be awarded to applicants that provide a compelling overview of why a G-Rex® Grant would be beneficial, a strong willingness to work collaboratively to achieve

program goals, a demonstrated track record of successful program management, and a provision of well understood deliverables.

The application process is designed to be simple and facilitate a collaborative discussion to refine potential program goals. By participating, recipients can expect faster and more cost-effective development timelines, a smoother transition from research labs to GMP manufacturing, and a stronger data package for IND applications. Ultimately, the program aims to expedite clinical data generation, reduce the complexity of the development process, increase the manufacturability, throughput and scalability of existing or future CGT programs, and increase patient access to these potentially lifesaving therapies.

Interested parties can learn more by [following this link to initiate the G-Rex® Grant Program](#)

About ScaleReady

ScaleReady is a center of excellence that is bringing the future of cell and gene therapies to life with its powerful and versatile manufacturing platform and extensive array of collaborative CGT experts. Founded in 2020, ScaleReady is a joint venture of Bio-Techne, Fresenius Kabi, and Wilson Wolf that brings together tools and technologies for cell culture, cell activation, gene editing, and cell processing from each founding partner. Learn more at www.scaleready.com.

About Wilson Wolf Manufacturing

Wilson Wolf (www.wilsonwolf.com) is dedicated to simplifying cell and gene-modified cell (CGT) therapy research, process development, and manufacturing. This is being accomplished through its scalable G-Rex® technology, which is used throughout the world in CGT applications ranging from basic research to commercial drug production.

Wilson Wolf's mission is to create hope for cancer patients, one G-Rex® device at a time.

About Bio-Techne Corporation

Bio-Techne Corporation (NASDAQ: TECH) is a global life sciences company providing innovative tools and bioactive reagents for the research and clinical diagnostic communities. Bio-Techne, in partnership with Wilson Wolf, is creating products such as media and cytokines that are specifically tailored to G-Rex® Bioreactors, including right sized reagent quantities in containers that are tailored to high throughput closed system manufacturing. For more information on Bio-Techne and its brands, please visit <https://www.bio-techne.com> or follow the Company on social media at: [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) or [YouTube](#).

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About CellReady LLC

CellReady is the world's first and only G-Rex® centric contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO) specializing in G-Rex® based cell and gene-modified cell therapy development and manufacturing. The company offers a wide range of services to support the development and commercialization of these therapies.

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