

BEACON Newsletter

The Biomedical Engineering Alliance and Consortium

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BEACON Welcomes New Members

BEACON is proud to announce the addition of four new corporate sponsors to its Membership. These new members of the BEACON Community include **Northeast Utilities, Microtest, Laschal Surgical** and **ePals**.

Northeast Utilities



Northeast Utilities (NU) is the premier energy delivery company in the Northeast, operating New England's largest energy delivery system with more than 1.7 million electric power customers in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. NU serves 187,000 natural gas customers in Connecticut. Over the years **NU** has become the leading regional provider of energy products and services, building a profitable, unregulated business with energy services. **Northeast Utilities** also has made significant commitments as a community and economic development partner. During the past 3 years, **Northeast Utilities** has taken a leadership role in promoting the establishment of the I91 Knowledge Corridor between Springfield and Hartford. In the process, Doug Fisher has been instrumental in assembling individuals from the academic, business, and political communities to create a synergy of technical excellence that transcends state boundaries. On many occasions, Doug Fisher has used **BEACON** as a model of what can be accomplished by creating partnerships between institutions from both sides of the border. **BEACON** and **NE Utilities** will continue to try to make a difference in this effort to make "Medical Devices and Systems an economic engine for the region.



Mr. Doug Fisher, Manager of Economic and Community Development of Northeast Utilities and Joseph D. Bronzino, President of BEACON.

Mission Statement:

BEACON pledges to facilitate a collaborative alliance among its academic, industrial and clinical members. Our goal is to stimulate collaborative research, promote industrial partnering within the alliance and foster the development of new companies whose primary objectives are to advance biomedical science and create innovative engineering solutions in healthcare.

For more information check out our website at:

www.beaconalliance.org

BEACON, the Biomedical Engineering Alliance and Consortium Collaborative Team (2002): Trinity College, The University of Connecticut, The University of Hartford, The University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Hartford Hospital, John Dempsey Hospital, Saint Francis Medical Center, Baystate Medical Center, The University of Stuttgart and University of Friburg Medical School. Corporate Sponsors include Pfizer, TYCO Kendall Health Care, GE Medical, Boston Scientific, Court Square Data Group, Pepe & Hazard, Pullman & Comley, The Steinbeis Foundation (Germany), Premise Development, UBS Paine Webber, and McCormick, Paulding & Huber, Northeast Utilities, MicroTest, Laschal Surgical, ePals.



Laschal Surgical, Inc., is a fast growing surgical instrument development, manufacturing and distribution company. **Laschal** has over 10 years of experience focusing its resources on developing and marketing a growing line of patented and patent pending products that feature major breakthroughs in forceps, micro needleholders and cutting technology. **Laschal** is already selling a line of surgical products in the dental and medical markets. The technology is revolutionary and offers many advantages over existing surgical scissors and forceps. For example, the Laschal MicroPoints®, due to their unique design, cut better and are more durable than conventional scissors. The Chief Technology Officer and Founder of **Laschal Surgical** is Dr. Jeffrey Lasner, who operates the company with the assistance of his son, Mr. Michael Lasner, Vice President.

MicroTest



MicroTest Laboratories, inc., located in Agawam, Massachusetts, has grown to be the premier contract test laboratory for the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and medical device industries. **MicroTest** is a fully equipped Research and Development facility. With more than 19 years of service to the microbiology, virology, and biological sciences, **MicroTest** is well positioned to serve multiple disciplines. The company has just completed the construction of a new Environmental & Stability Services facility stability chambers and environmental analysis equipment. **Microtest** will continue its growth will a 20,000 square foot manufacturing/support facility along with offering a new division, **MicroTest** Small Batch Fill/Finish Operations for pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical products. **MicroTest** will become the first **BEACON** Member company to offer lab testing protocols in the pharmaceutical, medical device and biotechnology industries. Mr. William Enos, Vice President of Sales & New Product Marketing, is working with **BEACON**.



BEACON Technology Network has referred its third young company to become a BEACON Sponsor: ePALS Classroom Exchange, Inc. **ePALS (www.epals.com)** is the Internet's largest and fastest growing collaborative community of global education classrooms, and the leading provider of safe multilingual email and collaborative technology for education worldwide. ePALS connects over 4.8 million teachers and students in over 191 countries for cross-cultural and curricular learning. The resource technology enables users to share and collaborate on school projects, learn about other countries and cultures, practice foreign language skills, share artwork, conduct science projects, learn foreign history / geography or simply develop lasting cross-cultural "epal" (electronic pen pal) friendships. **Educators worldwide recognize the company as the pioneer in global classroom project collaboration.** The Internet's first email browser to embed instant language translation (81 pairs), ePALS supports student/teacher email users communicating in their native languages. EPals is working with governments and large corporations to build multilingual education and knowledge-sharing platforms.

Candidates for Membership

As we look to the future, we are pleased that the following are in the process of considering BEACON membership:

Blackstone Medical
Boston University
Philips Medical
Sarnoff Corporation
Springfield Technical Community College
University of Rhode Island
Vivax Medical
Whalley Computers
Yale University

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