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Biotechnology
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Employee Benefits Security Administration
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U.S. Department of Labor
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USA RE: 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center (the "Plan")

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To Whom It May Concern:

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The North Carolina Biotechnology Center, EIN 56-1434024, maintains the captioned Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation primarily for a select group of management or highly-compensated employees. The number of employees covered under the Plan is one (1).

Sincerely,

Lori Lynn Greenstein
Senior Vice President for Corporate Administration
& Chief Financial Officer
Plan Administrator

