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New PBCC BioScience Technology Complex to open for classes Jan. 7

(Dec. 19, 2007 – Palm Beach Gardens) Already a vital link in the biotechnology industry, Palm Beach Community College at Palm Beach Gardens will greatly expand its capabilities when classes begin on Jan. 7, 2008, with the opening of the BioScience Technology Complex.

Core science classes at PBCC's Eissey Campus in chemistry, physics, biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology will feature state-of-the-art laboratories and will be offered in larger numbers in the new 91,000-square foot instructional facility.

The cutting edge Biotechnology program will have its own wing of the BioScience Technology Complex. PBCC's Biotechnology program will be a portal of entry into the industry as it continues to forge ties with area high schools, Florida Atlantic University, and various biotech entities, including The Scripps Research Institute, Max Planck, Bio Tools, Dyadic International, Jupiter Environmental Labs, Florida Power and Light, Ocean Ridge Biosciences, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab, Drug Study Institute and TransDermal Technologies.

In the new complex, biotechnology students will experiment with cutting-edge technologies such as recombinant DNA technology, protein production and purification, and biomanufacturing. PBCC is training lab workers to go directly into the workforce as well as students who plan to pursue science degrees.

The BioScience Technology Complex also will allow for expansion of the research components of PBCC's Environmental Science and Horticulture programs. A wellness center will serve campus students and employees, and a multimedia lecture hall will support program and campus activities. Flexible seating and furniture configuration will enable the College to meet the needs of classes, industry meetings and bioscience events.

"The new bioscience complex allows us to increase our offerings by 25-30 sections in the January term alone, and we anticipate enrollment increases." said Edward Willey, dean of academic affairs.

About Palm Beach Community College: Serving more than 45,000 students annually, Palm Beach Community College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing associate degrees, professional certificates, career and customized training and lifelong learning. Florida's first public community college, PBCC offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

Note to editors: Media representatives are invited to attend the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the BioScience Technology Complex on Friday, January 18, from 3-5 p.m. at the Palm Beach Gardens campus of PBCC.

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