

# Biopsy Sciences

## Building on Biotech Success in Pinellas

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Governor Charlie Crist announced that Biopsy Sciences will move operations from Tucson, Arizona to Pinellas County, Florida. The relocation of the growing biomedical research and device company includes new high wage jobs paying 200% of the county's average annual wage, adding to the region's growing life sciences industry.

"Biopsy Sciences' move to Florida is indicative of the state's focus on a future rich in science, research and innovation," said Governor Charlie Crist. "I welcome the company to the state and look forward to its continued growth in Pinellas."

Adds Calvin D. Harris, Chairman of Pinellas County's Board of County Commissioners, "This is a great win for our community, and I welcome Biopsy Sciences to Pinellas County's expanding biotechnology and research sector. They will join Draper Laboratories and SRI International in creating high wage career opportunities for Pinellas' citizens."

Biopsy Sciences develops new and innovative products for the medical market, including the HydroMARK, a breast biopsy site marker that helps patients by replacing lengthy mammogram-guided wire localization procedures with quick, accurate ultrasound-guided localization procedures that are more comfortable for patients.

The company took advantage of Florida's **Qualified Target Industry (QTI)** program to assist with the financial implications of relocating. Through a partnership between the **Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED)**, **Enterprise Florida**, Pinellas County, and the City of **Pinellas Park**, the QTI allows new and expanding Florida businesses in targeted, high-growth industries that create new high-paying jobs to receive tax refunds for every new job created.

But the QTI program wasn't the only draw. Dr. John Fisher, CEO of Biopsy Sciences, explains the company's decision to locate in Pinellas County,

"Through my work with the medical community here in Pinellas, I knew the area had the right combination of medical component manufacturers and health care industry professionals to support the HydroMARK product. This relocation allows us to not only create high value jobs in research and development applications, but will allocate clean room space to manufacture these products for the first time in-house."

Learn more about Biopsy Sciences at [www.biopsysciences.com](http://www.biopsysciences.com).

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