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“Designer and manufacturer of hands-on science labs moves operations from Buffalo, New York to Nassau County, Florida”

Nancy E. Bell, President of Science First/ STARLAB, a WBE-certified designer, manufacturer and marketer of science education equipment, portable planetariums and water sampling equipment, is delighted to announce that her company is moving to Nassau County, Florida, to take advantage of its positive business climate.

Science First/ STARLAB products are used by educators to teach fundamental scientific principles of physics, environmental science and technology. Founded in 1960 by the late Franklin B. Lee, the current president's father, the company sells to dealers, teachers and researchers throughout the USA and internationally. Currently in its third generation of family ownership, the company grew substantially under the leadership of Nancy's late husband Ray. Ownership is now shared among Nancy and her four grown children, three of whom are active in the company: **Aaron Bell** (Vice President and Treasurer); **Jocelyn Bell** (Accounting), and **Nathaniel Bell** (Marketing).

The move, which will be completed by December 31, 2009, will bring 20 jobs to Nassau County, many of them entry-level positions in the areas of production, customer service and warehouse operation. The company will also be seeking engineering, technical support and experienced managerial staff. People with a background in science or science education will be particularly desirable.

The company expects to fill most positions locally. If, as the company expects, a major acquisition is completed in 2010, an additional 20 similar local jobs may be created.

The company will be moving into a new 25,000 square foot facility located in the Nassau Tradeplex on Gene Lasserre Blvd. which is being constructed by **Ron Flick** of Compass Group, Inc.

Science First/ STARLAB is grateful for the able assistance of **Steve Rieck**, Executive Director, Nassau County Economic Development Board and **Robert Sitterley**, Project Manager, Enterprise Florida. Through their efforts, the company was able to receive valuable incentives which were instrumental in its decision to move from New York State.

Science First/ STARLAB is also grateful to Nassau County for the warm welcome and quick response to its issues and concerns.

As many of its products are intended for use by teachers, the company hopes to enhance the level of science education in Nassau County by demonstrating its famous portable planetarium, the STARLAB, and training teachers in its use.

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