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**PLANS UNVEILED TO BUILD NEW PATTERSON TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

Patterson Companies, Inc. (NASDAQ: PDCO) has announced plans to build a new facility for its Patterson Technology Center (PTC) in Effingham, Ill.

The Company has identified a potential building site for an 80,000- to 100,000-square-foot complex, more than twice the size of the current PTC (also in Effingham). The preliminary project schedule indicates construction could begin in late spring, with fall 2011 targeted as a tentative completion date.

Patterson is a full-service distributor of services, supplies, equipment and technology to the dental, companion-pet veterinary and rehabilitation supply markets. The PTC provides proprietary software, digital technology and call center support for each business unit (Patterson Dental, Webster Veterinary and Patterson Medical), as well as select business partners.

“Expanding our PTC operations will enable us to enhance the service and support we provide to the growing number of customers who invest in technology solutions for their practice and further position the Company for future growth,” Vice President of Customer Technology Craig Kabbes explained. In addition to addressing physical limitations of the current facility, the proposed PTC will have a workforce capacity of about 600.

“We are absolutely thrilled about building a new PTC facility, which will reinforce business objectives centered on driving value to the customer,” PTC Director Pam Hemmen said.

The PTC has played a major role in Patterson’s rise to a technology leader in its markets, partnering with customers to move into new technologies impacting virtually every area of their practice. Staff moved into the current facility in 1998, a year after Patterson acquired the Effingham-based dental software developer EagleSoft, Inc. The PTC workforce has grown from 30 to 330 specially trained professionals serving 50,000 customers nationwide.

**About Patterson Companies, Inc.**

Patterson Companies is a global provider of complete, progressive solutions to the dental, companion-pet veterinary and rehabilitation supply markets (Patterson Dental, Webster Veterinary and Patterson Medical). In addition to responsive, local support, customers benefit from direct access to an unprecedented technology support infrastructure, led by the Patterson Technology Center in Effingham, Ill. The PTC is continually researching, developing and upgrading technology and support to keep pace with growing demand for greater efficiency and profitability for healthcare practices. Please visit [www.pattersoncompanies.com](http://www.pattersoncompanies.com) for more information.

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