

# VP/Quality Assurance

We are a consulting firm, and have been retained by a developer/producer of life sciences products to recruit a VP/Quality Assurance who will be the Chief Quality Officer, overseeing quality assurance and regulatory affairs, for the entire organization globally.

Our client is a privately-held, 1100-employee, \$150-million company that sells to pharmaceutical firms such as Merck and Lilly, as well as to government and university research laboratories. The company has undergone significant growth, having grown from \$15-million to its current size in the past dozen years, and now has seven sites in the United States and Europe, as well as partnerships in Singapore and Scotland.

This person must have deep experience developing and implementing quality systems at a multi-site organization and needs to have demonstrated success building and developing other managers. A background with ISO or Baldrige quality systems would be a major plus, as would international experience. Experience working with a company with a diversified product portfolio, including custom projects (in addition to selling its stock products, our client has over 1000 custom projects in house at any given time) is preferred. A background in pharmaceutical, biotech or life sciences is required, with a strong preference towards someone with experience with an organization involved with the drug discovery/research process.

The company is located in a small town of 8,000 people, bordering the Catskill Mountains and a modest commute from the Albany/Saratoga, New York, metropolitan area (population 800,000). The area combines the cultural attractions of the big city, and proximity to the country. Albany's 14,000-seat Pepsi Arena and the Empire State Plaza attract a wide variety of musical, cultural and college/professional sports. The area is home to numerous museums, including the New York State Museum in Albany and the Albany Institute of the History of Art. Saratoga Springs is nationally-known for its Performing Arts Center, with events ranging from ballet and symphonies to outdoor rock concerts, as well as its historic horse racing tracks, where the nation's best thoroughbreds run. The region has many high caliber colleges, including Union College, University at Albany, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Bard College and Siena College.

The neighboring Catskills provide hiking, skiing, fishing and numerous other outdoor activities, and are home to Woodstock and New Paltz, prominent artist communities. As an alternative, Rhinebeck, with its anorial homes lining the Hudson River, is within commuting range. Boston is three hours away, and New York City is a bit more than two hours by train.

If you know of someone who would be interested in this position, please refer them to me.

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