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Pearl IRB and Trafalgar Ethics Board partner to deliver integrated US - Canada IRB review services

Two commercial IRBs collaborate to deliver streamlined clinical trial reviews for sponsors

Indianapolis, IN – July 28, 2011 – [Pearl IRB](http://www.pearlirb.com), LLC and Trafalgar Ethics Board, Inc. announce a partnership to provide one stop shop service for central IRB (Institutional Review Board) services for clients. The trend for research sponsors to conduct multi-center global clinical trials continues to grow, with US and Canada accounting for 60.5%¹ of sponsored clinical trials in 2010. Pearl IRB, based in the United States in Indianapolis and Trafalgar Ethics Board headquartered in the Toronto area in Canada, join forces today to deliver integrated US – Canada study reviews.

“We have partnered to serve the needs of our clients in a more streamlined fashion,” shares Ali Thompson, Director of Trafalgar Ethics Board. “Both our Canadian clients and US based sponsors are demanding higher quality and increased efficiencies in the global regulatory oversight of their clinical trials. By working together to provide seamless US – Canada IRB reviews, we eliminate much duplication and help streamline work for our clients.”

Clinical trials are often delayed for many reasons including contract negotiations, budgeting issues, and IRB reviews. “We strive to decrease site review times by integrating our processes to provide parallel US and Canadian site reviews, states Diana Caldwell, President and CEO of Pearl IRB. “Additionally, we will partner to offer additional services that are of

high value to our clients including medical writing, GCP/ICH assistance, and site training all of which reach across Canada and the US now.”

To learn more please visit www.teboard.ca or www.pearlirb.com.



About Pearl IRB, LLC

Pearl IRB is an independent Institutional Review Board that provides comprehensive IRB services for multi-national sponsors, CROs, institutions, and research sites. We deliver quality and timely reviews that balance the interests of research volunteers, sponsors, and research sites. We also offer training, site monitoring, auditing, medical writing, and GCP support services. Together, we will drive enhanced efficiency and value in clinical research.

To learn more, please visit us at www.pearlirb.com, call us at 317.278.4100, or email info@pearlirb.com. Pearl IRB is located in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA and is a WBENC certified woman owned business. For media inquiries, contact Diana Caldwell at dcaldwell@pearlirb.com.



About Trafalgar Ethics Board, Inc.

Since 1994, Trafalgar Ethics Board (TEB) has continued to expand its Client base of major Pharmaceutical Sponsors, Contract Research Organizations, Medical Device Manufacturers and Independent Investigators. TEB's reputation continues to strengthen through Responsiveness, Focus on Customer Success, and Total Commitment to Study Subject Protection.

Based in Canada, TEB provides Central and Community Ethics Review and Monitoring services to the "Who's Who" of International Sponsors. Working smoothly within continuously evolving International Study structures, TEB has evolved its own processes to meet the demand for streamlined Studies, resulting in faster-to-market, properly evaluated pharmaceuticals and devices, to increase human wellbeing.

To learn more please visit us at www.teboard.ca, call us at 905-849-7100 or e-mail info@teboard.ca.

SOURCES:

¹ClinicalTrials.gov http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/search/browse?brwse=locn_cat_NA