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ON Search Partners Acquires Williams Search Group, Noted Life Sciences Retained Search Firm

[Cleveland, OH - September 13, 2011] ON Search Partners, a leading global retained executive search firm, announced today that it has acquired San Francisco-based Williams Search Group. The Williams Search Group specialized in locating executive talent in the life sciences industry, with a particular focus on biotechnology thanks to Founder and CEO Shellie B. Williams. Williams will be joining ON Search Partners, expanding their already successful life sciences group based in the Silicon Valley, currently anchored by Suzanne Zebedee, Ph.D.

“In line with our dedication to providing a ‘best practice’ model, Williams Search Group’s acquisition by ON Search Partners will leverage resources for our clients, while continuing to uphold the personalized approach and high level of quality we are known for,” said Williams. She will continue leading CEO, Board and VP-level searches for biotechnology, medical device and diagnostics companies in her new role as partner at ON Search.

Williams is known as a biotech search pioneer with over 20 years of executive search experience, including leading the in-house recruitment for Genentech, a premier global biotechnology company. Her previous experience also includes President and Founder of Artemis Search, as well as Research Manager for Boyden International Executive Search’s San Francisco and Menlo Park offices. Her recent clients have included Life Technologies, Quest Diagnostics, Peregrine Pharmaceuticals and Genentech. In the past, she has also worked with Intuitive Surgical, XOMA, Applied Immune Sciences, Roche Molecular Systems, and Becton Dickinson Immunocytometry Systems (BDIS).

“Shellie and the Williams Search Group bring a depth of Life Sciences executive talent recruiting experience and a reputation for excellence that will be a benefit to our clients as they plan for growth,” said Zebedee. “I look forward to working closely with her.” Managing Partner and Co-founder of ON Search Partners, Shawn Oglesbee added, “We’re excited about merging services with Williams Search Group. Shellie’s hands-on approach, passion for the industry and expertise in biotechnology will be an asset to ON Search Partner’s continued growth as a leading national search firm.”

About ON Search Partners:

ON Search Partners is a global retained executive search firm that locates and lands the best CEO, Board and Vice President talent for technology, life sciences and cleantech growth companies. With offices in the Silicon Valley, Dallas and Cleveland areas, ON Search Partners provides a “small by design,” highly-personalized, consultative approach for technology, life sciences and cleantech companies, as well as venture capitalist and private equity firms. For more information, explore www.onpartners.com.



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