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Governor Napolitano Honors C-Path with Arizona Innovation Award

Tucson, Arizona, October 18, 2007 – Governor Janet Napolitano presented an Arizona Innovation Award to The Critical Path Institute (C-Path) today for its first of a kind approach to speeding the development of safe, innovative medical products for patients. Thanks to C-Path's role as an independent, neutral third party, it has been successful in bringing together scientists from the FDA, the industry it regulates and academia. These collaborations are resulting in new methods and more efficient pathways for developing safe, innovative medicines, diagnostic tests and devices.

"I am pleased that C-Path chose to open its doors here in Arizona, and commend this organization for its dedication to expediting the process of bringing medical technologies to market," said Governor Napolitano. "C-Path is truly deserving of this Arizona Innovation Award."

U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords added, "C-Path is doing amazing work on drug and patient safety right here in Southern Arizona. I have been consistently impressed by the projects they are working on – from building unprecedented coalitions that are revolutionizing the way we test drug safety, to working on the cutting edge of personalized medicine, which will not only lower healthcare costs, but could easily save hundreds or even thousands of lives over the next few years."

Dr. Janet Woodcock, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer at the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said, "C-Path has created neutral ground that allows FDA scientists to work collaboratively with industry and academic partners on improving the process. That's the innovation that makes them so deserving of this award."

President and CEO of C-Path, Dr. Raymond Woosley commented: “It is only natural that C-Path arose in Arizona. The “frontier spirit” made C-Path possible. We are so proud to be part of Arizona’s “smart growth.”

About The Critical Path Institute

Headquartered in Tucson, Arizona with offices in Rockville, Maryland, C-Path was established in 2005 as a publicly funded, nonprofit research and education institute to serve as a trusted third party for collaborations between scientists and others from government, industry and academia. C-Path’s mission is to help implement the FDA’s Critical Path Initiative by developing faster, safer and smarter pathways to new medical products. Visit www.C-Path.org for more information.