

# NEWS RELEASE



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Merrick Awarded New Commissioning Contracts

Aurora, CO – November 4, 2011 – Merrick & Company ([Merrick Life Sciences](#)) has been awarded new commissioning contracts for several clients. Merrick is highly respected in the life sciences research and developmental field for laboratory planning, design, and commissioning. These contracts reflect the firm’s continued growth in this industry.

Merrick continues its work for The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and has received additional funding from Capital Management (Baltimore, MD) for the NIH Integrated Research Facility (IRF) commissioning support project. NIH is one of the world’s most notable research centers and supports several institutes and centers, each with its own specific research.

Chinook Systems (Washington DC) awarded Merrick additional funding for commissioning support services for the Pentagon Emergency Response Center (PERC) BSL-3 lab commissioning project. Chinook Systems has been instrumental at the Pentagon with the major renovation project after the tragedy of 9/11.

Merrick has also secured a new contract from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) to provide services for its California NanoSystems Institute (CNSI) for the Bldg. 3 BSL3e lab commissioning project. CNSI is a research facility at UCLA whose goal is to rapidly commercialize discoveries in nanoscience and nanotechnology. Members represent some of the world’s most distinguished scientists from the life and physical sciences, engineering, and medicine.

#### **What is commissioning?**

Commissioning, sometimes referred as “Cx” in the industry, is an evaluative process for ensuring building systems are designed, installed, tested, operated, and maintained in accordance with the design intent for the facility. The process is intended to provide safety, ensure on time startup, lower initial costs, reduce long-term operating costs, confirm superior system reliability, and ease maintenance during operations.

Merrick & Company is a \$125 million engineering, architecture, design-build, surveying, and geospatial solutions firm, serving domestic and international clients in the energy, national security, life sciences, and sustainable infrastructure markets. The firm is committed to sustainable design and construction practices through its 60+ LEED-accredited professionals and is continually expanding its in-house resources to serve tomorrow’s needs. The employee-owned company maintains 10 offices in the U.S. as well as offices in Canada and Mexico.

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