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UCPath Center brings 600 jobs to Riverside

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – UC officials announced today that UC Riverside has been selected as the location for a shared service center that will process payroll, benefits, and other transactions for all ten campuses and five medical centers.

The UCPath Center will open its doors in July 2013, initially serving five locations with approximately 140 – 160 employees, and will hire more people as campuses and medical centers transition into using its services. When fully deployed, it's estimated to employ as many as 500 – 600 people.

"Jobs are our number one priority, and we are working very hard to improve Riverside's employment rate," stated Mayor Ron Loveridge. "I consider the 600 jobs resulting from the University of California locating its UCPath Center in Riverside a significant win for our City. Kudos to UC Riverside and our partners in the region for helping to make this happen."

In choosing UC Riverside from the six campuses that offered to host the shared service center, UCPath executive sponsors evaluated the proximity of a strong pool of UC talent to staff the center; local housing and cost of living considerations; the availability and condition of scalable office space; and the support of local leadership. UC Riverside met the location criteria more fully than the other proposals.

Following the announcement of 600 knowledge-sector jobs, Ward 2 Councilmember Andy Melendrez who represents the UC Riverside area of the City said, "I am thrilled with the announcement of so many new quality jobs coming to Riverside." Melendrez added, "Riverside is pleased to be recognized as a location of choice and to have played a critical part in the effort to attract the UCPath Center to our community."

About two-thirds of staff will work in the operations side, while another third will work in a call center fielding questions and assisting faculty and staff with payroll, benefits and other employment-related matters. More details about staffing including roles, job descriptions and staffing levels will be shared with campuses and medical centers during July. Jobs will be posted and recruitment will begin for jobs in the UCPath Center by fall 2012.

The attraction of the UCPath Center and the 600 professional jobs are one of the priorities outlined in the City's Economic Development Action Plan developed to help businesses create jobs for our community.

For more information and updates on UCPath, visit

<http://workingsmarter.universityofcalifornia.edu/projects/ucpath/overview/>

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