

Bench International Acquires TRIOS Search Partners

- Merger brings new clients and adds HR consulting expertise to Bench
- Karen Fulmer, founder and president of TRIOS Search Partners, returns to Bench

LOS ANGELES, CA, May 22, 2012 – Bench International, a global, milestone-based, performance-driven executive recruiting and consulting firm serving the life sciences industry, today announced that it has acquired TRIOS Search Partners, an executive search and human resources consulting firm specializing in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical and healthcare industries. Karen Fulmer, founder and president of TRIOS Search Partners, is joining Bench as a senior vice president. She will help lead Bench’s business development and recruiting activities.

Fulmer founded TRIOS Search Partners in 2009. There, she worked with clients ranging from start-ups to large, global pharmaceutical companies to provide strategic staffing, branding and HR consulting support. She started TRIOS after having spent several years as a recruiter in the global staffing group at Pfizer, where she sourced talent for the company’s R&D function. Prior to Pfizer, Fulmer worked with Bench for 16 years.

“Merging the two firms is a natural fit given our shared dedication to bringing unique, innovative leaders to the life sciences sector,” said Denise (DeeDee) DeMan, chairman and chief executive officer of Bench. “Karen’s extensive experience in life sciences executive recruiting and HR consulting is a valuable asset to our continued growth. We welcome Karen back to our global team.”

“Bench International has always been home for me,” said Karen. “I truly believe in Bench’s business practices, which made it an easy decision to merge the firms and rejoin the Bench team. I look forward to helping bring Bench into its next phase of growth.”

About Bench International

Bench International specializes exclusively in providing senior talent to the global life sciences sector. Bench’s multinational team of accomplished recruitment professionals, each equipped with long-standing in-depth life science industry experience, has successfully met client needs for executive leadership since the firm’s founding in 1974. In addition to its Los Angeles headquarters facility, Bench maintains offices in New York, the United Kingdom and Switzerland. For more information, visit www.benchinternational.com.

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