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Keystone Symposia to Move to FirstBank Building in Silverthorne

SILVERTHORNE, Colorado – May 2, 2011 – Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology will be moving from its current office space in the Summit Place Shopping Center (above Tuesday Morning) to newly-renovated space occupying the entire second floor of the FirstBank building at 160 U.S. Highway 6. Employees will start to work out of the new facility beginning Monday, May 9, 2011.

Since relocating from Los Angeles in 1990 where Keystone Symposia had its origins as UCLA Symposia, the nonprofit organization has always had its home at Summit Place. However, in the last 21 years, substantial growth has occurred, taking the staff from under 20 to 38 employees. Keystone Symposia now conducts more than 50 life science research conferences annually around the world. It also administers innovative programs such as the Keystone Symposia Fellows Program and other mentoring programs for young scientists. It is the largest nonprofit headquartered in Summit County in terms of operating budget.

The organization's growth necessitated taking over additional self-contained second-floor suites at Summit Place. In contrast, the new space – which was renovated by FirstBank for Keystone Symposia as part of its lease agreement – is essentially one open area that allows for greatly enhanced interaction and collaboration. Occupying 9,791 square feet, it consists of both partitioned offices as well as open-space cubicles. The offices have interior windows to create an open feel with as much natural light as possible.

Commented Dr. James W. Aiken, Keystone Symposia's CEO, "We are extremely pleased to be making this move to a contemporary, state-of-the-art facility befitting Keystone Symposia's current size and conducive to our interactive, team-based culture. The FirstBank management and its architects and contractors have done an excellent job transforming the space in an impressively short period of time." Previously the space was configured for multiple tenant use and was comprised of office suites of varying sizes.

The entire renovation was completed in just three months. Michael Shambarger, Senior Vice President at the FirstBank branch in Silverthorne, supervised the project and commented, "We are very excited to have Keystone Symposia, an organization with an excellent reputation both locally and internationally, join us at our location. The employees of Keystone Symposia are first-rate individuals and integral members of our community and will make a most welcome addition."

About Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology

Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which had its origins as UCLA Symposia, has been holding open, internationally renowned scientific meetings since 1972 and has been headquartered in Silverthorne in the Colorado Rocky Mountains since 1990, when the organization left the University of California at Los Angeles. Annually, Keystone Symposia holds more than 50 meetings involving more than 13,000 scientists from around the world. While most meetings are held in the Rocky Mountain U.S. states and Canadian provinces, several are now held overseas at locations spanning Asia, Africa and Europe. The organization will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2012. More information can be found at www.kestonesymposia.org.

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