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## USAHA Announces New Headquarters Location

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ST. JOSEPH, MO– The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) proudly announces the relocation of its headquarters to St. Joseph, Mo., from Richmond, Va. and is conducting operations from the new offices. USAHA added three jobs as a result of its move, and expects to add more in the future.

“This is a very exciting time for USAHA,” says USAHA president and Georgia State Veterinarian Lee M. Myers. “We have been pleased with the results of our transition to Missouri, and plan to continue the same valuable contribution to the animal health community.”

Established in 1897, the USAHA aims to protect animal and public health by eliminating live stock disease. Its 1,400 members include state and federal animal health officials, national allied organizations, regional representatives, and individual members.

“St. Joseph has a strong animal health community,” says Ted Allison, president and CEO, St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce. “Both the USAHA and area companies will benefit from this move.”

St. Joseph lies within the KC Animal Health Corridor. The area represent one-third of global animal health industry sales.

“As we looked at the greater Kansas City area for our location, we felt St. Joseph provided our needs to manage the association, with an area that is well-known for its presence in animal health,” says executive director Ben Richey. “We are pleased to call St. Joseph our new home.”

“USAHA will find a collaborative animal health community in the KC Animal Health Corridor,” says Joerg Ohle, chairman, KC Animal Health Corridor Initiative and president and general manager of Bayer Corp.’s Animal Health Division, North America. “We welcome them to the team.”

Richey adds that the St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City Area Development Council, KC Animal Health Corridor, the Institute for Applied and Industrial Life Sciences, as well as other members of the community provided support for USAHA’s transition.

“The addition of a prominent animal health trade association, such as the USAHA, is an essential element to the Kansas City animal health industry base,” says Bob Marcusse, president and CEO, Kansas City Area Development Council.

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*USAHA was established in 1897. USAHA is a science-based, dues-supported, voluntary organization. Membership includes state, federal and international animal and public health agencies, allied industry and professional organizations, as well as individual members representing academia, animal owners and animal health professionals. USAHA primarily serves as a forum for communication and coordination among animal health constituents on issues of animal health and disease control, animal welfare, food safety and public health. USAHA operates with 33 species, and subject-oriented committees, and hosts an annual meeting each year with its partner organization, the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians.*