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### **Microscopy Innovations Awarded \$150,000 Phase I STTR Contract by Defense Department**

(MARSHFIELD, Wis.) Microscopy Innovations, LLC, which developed the patented mPrep™ System for preparing microscopy specimens, has been awarded a \$150,000 Phase I Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) contract from the US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command to develop an integrated system for field, clinic and laboratory preparation of biological specimens for microscopy.

The company's Chief Scientific Officer, Dr. Steven Goodman, explains, "With this funding, Microscopy Innovations will extend the advantages of the mPrep System to enable safer, easier, more reliable preparation of potentially pathogenic tissue specimens from emerging infectious disease situations in remote locations. This technology can also be applied to improve the onsite preparation of more routine clinical and research biological specimens."

Project collaborators from the University of Wisconsin-Madison include Dr. Jorge Osorio, Dept. of Pathobiological Sciences, and Mr. Benjamin August, Medical School Electron Microscopy Facility.

"As a life science tools company, we are excited about this opportunity from the U.S. Army to develop technology solutions with a positive impact for researchers and clinicians," said Mark T. Nelson, CEO of Microscopy Innovations.

STTR is a federal funding mechanism created by Congress to stimulate technological innovation by small businesses and assist them in converting innovative technology into marketable products.

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*Microscopy Innovations is an investor supported company located in Marshfield, Wis., with additional facilities in Madison, Wis. Its novel capsule-based system for life science specimen preparation and automated processing equipment for microscopy laboratories are sold direct and through distributors in the U.S., Japan, France and the U.K. The firm's core technology is protected by 12 U.S. and international patents.*

*U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command is the Army's medical materiel developer, with responsibility for medical research, development, and acquisition and medical logistics management. The Command is headquartered at Fort Detrick, Md., with 12 subordinate commands located throughout the world.*