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akta Pharmaceutical Development Hires Angela M. Esteva to Manage Business Development



(RALEIGH, NC) akta Pharmaceutical Development (aktaPD®), an open-architecture business consortium providing seasoned pharma experts to help start-up, small, and mid-size clients design, develop, and commercialize treatments for diseases, recently added Angela M. Esteva to lead the Business Development team. Ms. Esteva is transitioning from a consultant to a more active role spearheading the company's Business Development activities. She brings to her new position more than 20 years of business development and management expertise with a proven track record of success, including increasing small business sales pipelines by 30% within the international hospitality, meeting planning, and publishing industries. Born in Puerto Rico and raised in the United States and England, she grew up in a multicultural, multilingual environment(English, Spanish, French, and Italian).

In 2006 she moved to North Carolina and established her consulting firm. In 2009 she joined The Right Plan, a global event production firm co-owned by Your Right Hand, a current enterprise of aktaPD, as Director of Business Development and Sourcing. Prior to moving to North Carolina, she lived in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, where she was responsible for opening new markets throughout Europe and Latin American for leading hotel chains. A career change led her into the publishing business, where she worked as Vice President, New Business Development and Executive Assistant to the president of Casiano Communications, the largest Hispanic publisher of magazines and periodicals in the U.S. A 25-year volunteer of the American Cancer Society, she served 12 years on the Board of Directors, focusing on diversity, prevention education, and volunteer recruitment retention programs throughout Latin America.

“Angela has proven her value as a consultant and customer service champion,” said aktaPD COO, Sheree Vaickus. “The growth potential of start-up and small pharma companies has been underserved for too long. They deserve to be taken seriously. Assigning Angela to cater to the needs of growing pharma organizations will be invaluable to the future of drug development.”

Esteva will also assume some of the aktaPD Executive Team's sales and marketing duties, freeing them up to focus on and grow aktaPD's industry partnerships, vendor relationships, and other

enterprises: Fix Your Own Pharmaceutical Development Problems, LIV Life Science, PharmApprentice, netcaKch, Your Right Hand, Inc., and Shar-a-te Inc., a device that enables the homeless to gain access to healthcare, fresh foods, and independence.

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About akta Pharmaceutical Development (aktaPD[®])

Headquartered in Boston, with a US branch office in Raleigh, aktaPD engages in the design, development, and commercialization of treatments for diseases internationally. Working with biopharmaceutical and private investment companies, as well as academic and government institutions, aktaPD provides expertise in preclinical and clinical development, regulatory affairs, leadership, manufacturing, marketing, operations, technology, and knowledge transfer.

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