Northeastern University Partners with University of Shanghai for Science and Technology on Initiatives for International Regulatory Affairs for Medical Devices

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(March, 2008) BOSTON, Mass. – Northeastern University today announced an agreement with the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology to establish an International Center for Regulatory Affairs of Medical Devices and provide related educational programming. The Center, which is expected to open in December 2008, will study methods for good clinical and manufacturing practices, efficient incident reporting, medical device registration and certification and how to identify qualified Chinese regulatory officials.

“The partnership with the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology represents a strategic opportunity to have a global presence in regulatory affairs,” said Christopher E. Hopey, Vice President and Dean, Northeastern University. “It also underscores the university’s international mission of providing students with global education opportunities and solidifies our leadership position in regulatory affairs for medical devices.”

Beginning in July, the partnership will introduce a graduate certificate program designed for Chinese regulators that focuses on international regulations of medical devices. Faculty from Northeastern University will co-teach courses at the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology. In addition, graduate students and visiting scholars will have the opportunity to participate in three- to eight-week exchange programs between the two universities.

Currently, China boasts more than 10,000 medical device manufacturers with sales of approximately $8 billion, making it the eighth largest market in the world for medical devices, with an anticipated annual growth rate of 17 percent. In addition to being a location for outsourcing manufacturing, China has recently begun sales of its own high-tech devices to Western countries.

About the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology
The University of Shanghai for Science and Technology (USST) is a full-fledged multidisciplinary university committed to training of professionally competent personnel in the fields of engineering (its main feature), management, commerce, arts, science and medicine. In May 1996, authorized by the State Education Commission, USST stemmed from the amalgamation of the former East China University of Technology and Shanghai Institute of Mechanical Technology. In September 1998, according to the principle of “co-established by both central government and local government, mainly managed by Shanghai Municipality”, along with its jurisdiction transferred from the former Ministry of Machinery Industry to Shanghai Municipality, USST has become a new-style municipal higher learning institute. In July 2003, due to the readjustment of universities in Shanghai, Shanghai Medical Apparatus & Instruments College and Shanghai Publishing & Printing Training School were put under the administration of USST, and established respectively as its College of Medical Apparatus & Instruments, and Publishing & Printing College.

About Northeastern
Founded in 1898, Northeastern University is a private research university located in the heart of Boston. Northeastern is a leader in interdisciplinary research, urban engagement, and the integration of classroom learning with real-world experience. The university's distinctive cooperative education program, where students alternate semesters of full-time study with semesters of paid work in fields relevant to their professional interests and major, is one of the largest and most innovative in the world. The University offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and graduate programs leading to degrees through the doctorate in six undergraduate colleges, eight graduate schools, and two part-time divisions. For more information, please visit www.northeastern.edu.