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**SPI USA, Inc. has been Commissioned by the Technical Innovation Center at Hagerstown Community College to Conduct a Market Feasibility Study**

**BALTIMORE** (December 22, 2005) -- **SPI USA, Inc.** ([www.usaspi.com](http://www.usaspi.com)) announced today that it has been commissioned by the Technical Innovation Center (TIC) at Hagerstown Community College ([www.technicalinnovationcenter.com](http://www.technicalinnovationcenter.com)) to conduct a market feasibility study for expansion of its business incubator space.

“We are delighted to have been awarded this contract by TIC and are excited to begin working on the project. This study will assist TIC in making the best decision regarding expansion of its facility to include wet lab space for the biotech industry in the quad-state region.” commented Antonio Moreira, Ph.D, executive vice president, SPI USA, Inc.

For this market study, SPI USA will fulfill the following objectives:

- ❖ **Assess an overall business case:** Gather and present information relative to the strength of the local and regional market to sustain the creation of wet lab facilities and services.
- ❖ **Assess technical wet lab requirements:** Study the technical needs of the TIC facility.

“This study will not only provide the necessary information that will help the Technical Innovation Center evolve as Washington County’s primary mechanism to advance technology commercialization in the region but will also advance the Washington County Economic Development Commission’s goals toward bio-tech manufacturing” stated Chris Marschner, Director, Technical Innovation Center.

SPI USA Inc. provides highly specialized consulting and training services to organizations and institutions worldwide. SPI USA has particular expertise in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical sectors in addition to offering services focused towards business and high technology consulting and advising. SPI USA is headquartered at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County’s Research Park, [bwtech@UMBC](mailto:bwtech@UMBC).

The Technical Innovation Center (TIC) at Hagerstown Community College is a self sustaining economic development effort that fosters the growth of new and expanding businesses by providing access to advanced technologies, business development resources, and collaborative opportunities. An integral part of TIC’s mission is creating



and retaining high-quality employment opportunities for its students and the quad-state community.

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