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TCA Cellular Therapy Wins “Coup d’ Tech” eWARD

The St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation and LSU Louisiana Technical Transfer Office-Stennis are pleased to announce that their nominee, TCA Cellular Therapy, was awarded the “Coup d’ Tech” eWARD, for their work with Marrow Derived Mesenchymal Cells, at the Louisiana Technology Council’s 7th Annual eWARDS recently held in New Orleans.

TCA Cellular Therapy, LLC, located in Covington, is a pioneer company in adult stem cell therapy and cryopreservation. Started in 2004 by Dr. Gabriel Lasal, TCA developed their first adult stem cell protocol for the heart and have developed various stem cell therapies and technologies since then.

What is important and so significant with TCA is that they only use adult stem cells in research, thus avoiding the ethical debates on research using embryonic stem cells. This year, the FDA allowed TCA to conduct the only adult stem cell clinical trial in the United States for the treatment of Lou Gehrig’s disease. For more information on TCA Cellular Therapy, visit www.tcacellulartherapy.com.

“This is yet another example of the high level of technology and research found in St. Tammany Parish,” said Brenda Reine Bertus, executive director of the St. Tammany EDF. “We are extremely proud of TCA’s accomplishments.”

The eWARDS are given annually in six categories and seek to celebrate and recognize the innovations and achievements of organizations and individuals in the New Orleans region for positive impacts in the technology field.

STEDF is the lead economic development organization for St. Tammany Parish. The organization is charged with attracting new business and employment opportunities to St. Tammany Parish. The organization seeks to improve the quality of life in the parish by strengthening and supporting the business climate in the area. For more information, visit www.stedf.org.

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