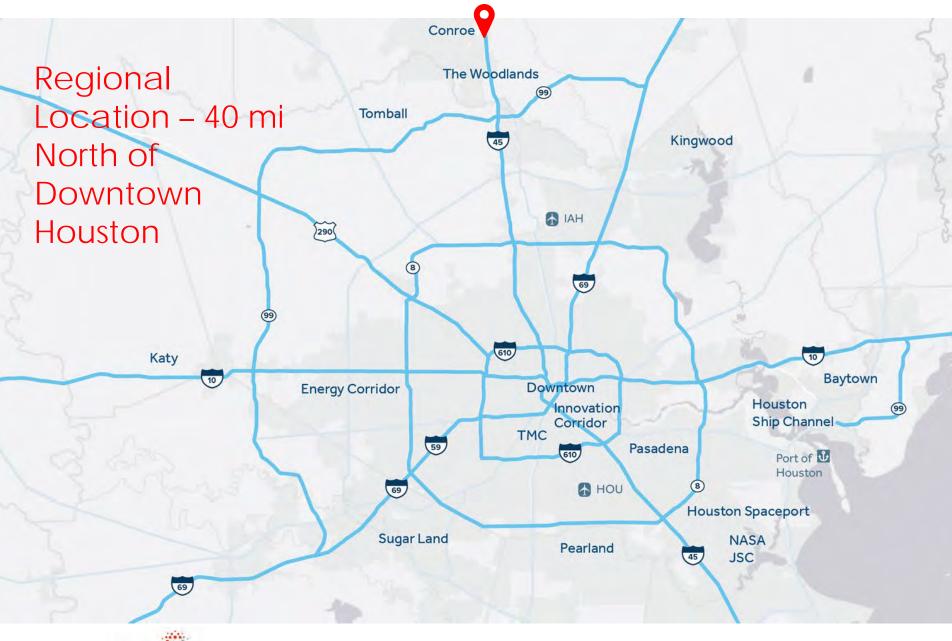


Presentation to Gulf Coast Economic Development District

October 2, 2020







Conroe by the Numbers

- Total Population: 91,079 (US Census 2019)
- Population growth 2010-2019: 39.3%
- 9th Fastest-Growing City in the US (US Census Bureau 2019)
- Median age: 33
- 33.42% Associates degree or higher
- 43,589 labor force (1M in 30-mile radius)







Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine





Current Major Life Science Employers in Conroe

HCA[‡]Houston Healthcare[™]



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About VGXI, Inc.

- Founded in 1997; an industry leader in developing DNA vaccines for deadly viruses such as Zika, Ebola and MERS
- Wholly owned manufacturing subsidiary of GeneOne Life Science, Inc.
- Largest pure-play cGMP DNA plasmid manufacturing facility in the world
- Currently located in The Woodlands, TX
- Needed expansion to increase capacity by 500%; no room to grow in current location







"Demand for high quality and reliable plasmid manufacturing services has increased dramatically as DNA immunotherapy and gene therapies demonstrate success in clinical studies. The established site for our new facility and multi-phase expansion strategy enables VGXI to continue to grow and support the success of our clients' products as these industries mature." – VGXI CEO Young Park



Project Dolphin

Contacted by consultant late May 2018

First site visit January 2019 Tax Abatement approved January 2020 Land Purchase closed August 2020

















Submitted response
June 2018

Incentive Agreement approved November 2019 Tenant Improvement Grant approved March 2020 Company News Release about project August 2020



Deison Technology Park

- 248 acres with park-like amenities (hike & bike trails and water features)
- Concrete streets and modern-look signage and lighting in place throughout
- Beautiful wooded campus-like setting
- All underground infrastructure in place
 - City water and sewer
 - Electric
 - Natural gas
 - Fiber
- Protected by Covenants and Restrictions







- Purchased 21.671 acres of land; ROFR on an additional 21.52 acres
- Site will serve as both HQ and manufacturing facility
- 240,000 SF facility
- 70 employees to approximately 150 in three to five years
- Capital investment of ~\$80 million with an annual payroll approaching \$10 million
- Substantial completion Q32021; operational January 2022













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