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Kaysie Foust Joins Pittsburgh-Based Contract Research Organization, Clinical Research Strategies, LLC as Senior Clinical and Quality Specialist/Auditor

Pittsburgh, PA – January 12, 2023. Clinical Research Strategies, LLC ("CRS"), a Pittsburgh-area-based, US-owned and operated contract research organization (CRO) and executive management consultancy for the life sciences industry is pleased to announce the addition of **Kaysie Foust**, Senior and Clinical Quality Specialist/Auditor, to the firm. Ms. Foust earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from The Pennsylvania State University. Ms. Foust began her career working at a CLIA-certified molecular medicine laboratory handling complex molecular assays and systems. She prepared sequencing libraries while also testing and evaluating new reagents and controls. Her career growth enabled her to move into GLP genetic toxicology assays, quality assurance, and report generation.

Kaysie moved from North Carolina to Pittburgh to work at Noveome Biotherapeutics (formerly Stemnion Inc.) where as a quality control analyst II, she spearheaded cGMP and cGLP work that supported product development. Her next move was with Interpace Diagnostics as a senior laboratory technologist, followed by a position as specialty laboratory technologist at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Genome Center. Prior to joining CRS, Ms. Foust worked at ALung Technologies in Quality Assurance.

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In her spare time Kaysie volunteers for Lake Erie and Presque Isle clean-up initiatives and is passionate about supporting animal shelters.

"We, as an anchor service provider and ambassador to the regional life sciences ecosystem, are proud of our ability to attract some of the brightest and most qualified candidates who contribute to the local and state economy," says Alethea Wieland, CRS President and Founder.

"Our business is growing in the quality assurance and risk management sector and we are lucky that Kaysie joins us at the right time bringing great depth of expertise in medtech, biotech, pharmaceutical, IVD, laboratory, and bench science," adds CRS CEO and Chief Quality and Regulatory Officer, David Link, MBA.

About Clinical Research Strategies, LLC: CRS is a specialty CRO and executive management consulting firm that fits-for-purpose veteran life sciences executives, attorneys, regulatory scientists and

strategists, clinical operations, project management, quality assurance engineers, and sales and marketing teams to take on the biggest challenges for start-up, mid-sized, and large life sciences companies, many of whom are developing novel, first-in-class drugs, biologics, diagnostics and medical devices, or software as a medical device (SaMD). Service areas are clinical trials, Functional Service Provider (FSP) models, selection and management of CROs, regulatory compliance strategy and submissions, QMS, EU MDR and GDPR, rescue trials, TMF, risk mitigation and remediation, training high-performing teams, staffing solutions, and decentralized trials.

Indications represented are precision medicine, immuno-oncology, central nervous system, infectious diseases, respiratory diseases, orthopedics, de novo devices, digital health and mobile apps, reproductive health, regenerative medicine, cardiology, major depressive disorder, opioid-sparing pain, cannabis, radiology, and critical care. CRS is a qualified service provider for federal grants.

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