



## SATISFIED EMPLOYEES AND A GROWING DENTIST CLIENTELE LAND NORTHWEST LABORATORIES “BEST WORKPLACES” AND “FASTEST GROWING PRIVATE COMPANIES” HONORS

SEATTLE–December 15, 2008– Northwest Laboratories, a company as dedicated to its employees as it is to its growing roster of dental clients, was honored with two recent awards by the *Puget Sound Business Journal*: A 2008 finalist as one of *Washington's Best Workplaces* and a second honor as one of the *100 Fastest Growing Private Companies*, ranking ninth. It is the first time any company has been awarded these two awards in the same year.

Northwest Laboratories provides dentists with the finest dental restorations in the world, including fixed, removable and cosmetic, and implant products. Founded by Patrick Tessier in 2003, the Seattle-based company has steadily grown in part due to dentists discovering the company's premium, precision, cost-saving restorations made overseas. As Northwest Laboratories' globally certified products rival—and often surpass—the quality of its domestically made counterparts (ISO 13485 certified, yet cost significantly less), dentists have tapped the company in pursuit of its cost-effective service and products, which in turn has spurred Northwest Laboratories' growth.

Ascending to ninth place of the *Puget Sound Business Journal's 100 Fastest Growing Private Companies* is a significant honor. Qualifying companies had to meet the following criteria: established by January 1, 2005; still in business as of September 25, 2008; show revenue growth over the past three years (2005-2007); and be independent and privately held companies with headquarters in Washington. Companies must also have recorded revenue of at least \$500,000 in 2005.

As it has grown, retaining a quality staff through benefits and incentives has paid off not only in employee tenure, but also with the recent *Puget Sound Business Journal's Washington's Best Workplaces* honor. The program—launched last year to identify and recognize best practices in the hiring and retention of great people—named Northwest Laboratories in the small company category after an extensive review process. More than 300 nominees, screened on their various employee benefit offerings, leadership culture and work/life balance philosophies, were filtered to 65 finalists. Northwest Laboratories prides itself on its commitment and dedication to the health and well-being of all employees as it helps bring the attention and focus to the client.

“From day one, we have tried to offer a work environment and benefits that are over the top; this is because we believe that happy, satisfied team members will best serve our clients,” Patrick Tessier said, CEO of Northwest Laboratories. “This award proves that when dentists work with us, they receive services as exemplary as the restorative products we provide.”

Northwest Laboratories is the Western United States' sales and service operation for the largest dental laboratory in the world, located just outside Hong Kong and has served dentists all over the world since 1976. A majority of the laboratory's client base is in Europe and Asia, but since 2003, this distinguished laboratory has been available to West Coast dentists in the United States through Northwest Laboratories, providing superior products and service. Learn more at [www.nwllabs.net](http://www.nwllabs.net).

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