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### **ASPIRE IRB ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN BANCROFT TO DIRECTOR, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

San Diego, CA October 23, 2008 -- Aspire IRB an independent review board responsible for overseeing clinical research trials announces the appointment of John Bancroft to Director, Business Development. John brings over twenty five years of experience in the clinical research and health care fields to his new position as Director, Business Development for Aspire IRB. He will be responsible for creating relationships with existing and new clients. "We are extremely excited to have someone with the drive, experience and connections that John has to continue Aspire IRB's growth into the next decade," states Alycia Huston, CEO, Aspire, IRB

John was Vice President of Business Development at Almac Clinical Technologies (formerly ICTI) and most recently he was New Business Development Manager at the Eliassen Group. Previously he was an Executive Manager at Quatern LLC, focusing primarily on sales and business development. John's many years of clinical sales experience have allowed him to partner with all levels of management within Pharmaceutical, Biotech and CRO companies.

Prior to his tenure in the clinical trial industry Franciscan Health System employed John for 14 years in patient care and clinical IT roles. He was promoted to Regional Director, Clinical Systems, managing all aspects of clinical information technology for six years in New York and New Jersey regional hospitals.

"I am excited to be joining Aspire IRB. They have a stellar reputation within the clinical trial industry. They are also one of the most driven and innovative companies impacting the research field. Clinical trials is one of the fastest growing and most important industries because of the increase of research studies taking place. We work with organizations and companies that are implementing clinical trials all over the United States in overseeing and making sure that their research is safe for all human research participants. It is a very worthwhile field to be involved with," explains John.

**About Aspire IRB** – [www.aspire-irb.com](http://www.aspire-irb.com) - Aspire IRB is a privately owned and certified Women's Business Enterprise headquartered in San Diego, CA. Aspire IRB reviews, approves and monitors research involving human participants with the aim to protect their rights and welfare. The FDA and HHS regulations have empowered IRBs to approve, require modifications, or disapprove research. The board is made up of physicians, scientists, non-scientists and community members. Aspire has been the IRB of record for clinical studies including: Alzheimer's disease, Diabetes, Obesity, ALS, Depression, Sleep Disorder, Cancer, MS and others.

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