



## **ICON Named 2007 North American Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology Service Provider of the Year**

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"ICON's rapid revenue growth has been matched by a record growth in backlog levels signifying a strong foundation that is likely to drive future business growth," says Frost & Sullivan Research Analyst Barath Shankar. "While diversification of its client base and business has been the cornerstone of ICON's performance in the period between 2004 and 2007, it has made significant investments that enable the company to provide a comprehensive range of services targeting the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries."

"We are delighted to receive this important recognition from Frost & Sullivan," said John Hubbard, Global President of ICON's Clinical Research Division. "ICON has established itself as a global service provider with an excellent reputation for quality, and through this award, Frost & Sullivan has recognized that this quality is being maintained as we continue to significantly grow the business".

### **About Frost & Sullivan**

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### **About ICON**

ICON plc is a global provider of outsourced development services to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. The Company specializes in the strategic development, management and analysis of programs that support clinical development - from compound selection to Phase I-IV clinical studies. ICON teams have successfully conducted over 1,900 development projects and over 2,300 consultancy engagements across all major therapeutic areas. ICON currently has approximately 5,500 employees, operating from 66 locations in 34 countries. Further information is available at [www.iconplc.com](http://www.iconplc.com)

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