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## IPS CONGRATULATES COOK PHARMICA, FOR THEIR 2017 ISPE FACILITY OF THE YEAR AWARD RECOGNITION

**Blue Bell, PA; February 7, 2017** – IPS-Integrated Project Services, LLC (IPS), a leading global design, engineering, project controls, construction management, commissioning and qualification services firm, congratulates Cook Pharmica for their recognition of the 2017 ISPE Facility of the Year (FOYA) award. IPS is honored to have partnered with Cook Pharmica on the Flexible Filling Line project in Bloomington, Indiana, which was selected as the winner of the Equipment Innovation category.

Seeing a shift in industry to extend the ready-to-use platform and utilize new capabilities for filling flexibility, Cook Pharmica combined the activities of what would traditionally be three filling lines into one line under barrier isolation in one filling suite. The project was a complex manufacturing upgrade, within an existing operation, to complement its existing syringe and vial lines with first-of-its-kind flexible filling technology, in 29 months. The project is an exceptional example of a company who is leading the adoption of ready-to-use vials (and cartridges) and applying next generation robotics technology uniquely to create unparalleled flexibility. Cook Pharmica's version of flexible filling would not only add additional capacity, but would also enable better service to its customers, which will ultimately benefit patients.

The 2017 FOYA judging panel said, "This collaborative development between owner, suppliers, and engineering experts delivered a novel application of commercially available and custom developed equipment innovation manufacturing solutions that drove superior commercial market changing technology and supply chain flexibility in a unique "ready-to-use" vial platform."

"IPS is proud to have supported Cook Pharmica with this effort, marking the 6th time our work has been recognized by the ISPE's FOYA committee," stated IPS President and Chief Operating Officer, Dave Goswami, PE. "This project is a great example of the collective effort of all team members including IPS' advanced aseptic manufacturing experts, working together to bring Cook Pharmica's unique and bold vision into reality."

## **About IPS**

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