



Joseph Panetta Joins eStudySite Board of Directors
--BIOCOM CEO is Noteworthy Appointment to Board--

SAN DIEGO – May 16, 2006 – eStudySite, a San Diego-based enrollment and research organization that provides inpatient and outpatient clinical research services to pharmaceutical and contract research organizations, announced the appointment of Joseph D. Panetta to the eStudySite Board of Directors effective May 11, 2006.

Panetta, who is currently President and CEO of BIOCOM, San Diego, has developed extensive contacts and insights into the biotech and pharmaceutical arenas. He will advise the company on strategic growth opportunities in the clinical trials and research market sectors.

“We are very proud to have someone of Joseph Panetta’s stature join our Board of Directors,” said Steve Kenney, President and CEO of eStudySite. “The company is poised for significant growth opportunities and Joe will provide important industry knowledge and guidance. We welcome his experience and expertise.”

Mr. Panetta has been a prominent force behind San Diego’s biotechnology industry since 1999. As the first president and chief executive officer of BIOCOM, he transformed it from a fledgling local networking group into the largest regional life science association in the U.S. with national influence in public advocacy, lobbying, professional development and capital formation in the life science industry.

Mr. Panetta serves on a number of committees, boards, and business coalitions addressing legislation, workforce, and economic development in San Diego relative to biotechnology. He is currently on the boards of directors of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce; San Diego World Trade Center; San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation; the San Diego Workforce Partnership; CONNECT; and Gene Therapy Systems, Inc. He serves as Advisory Council Member for several universities and was appointed by former San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy to be Commissioner of the City of San Diego Public Utilities Advisory Commission.

Mr. Panetta began his career as senior policy analyst with the Washington, D.C. headquarters staff of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He went on to Elf Atochem North America, a pharmaceutical and chemical corporation where he was director of global regulatory affairs. In 1988 he joined Mycogen Corporation, where as corporate vice president of government and public affairs, he led the company’s expansive growth and played a key role in the commercialization of the first recombinant DNA microbes and crops. In 1998, Mr. Panetta joined The Dow Chemical Company and served briefly as global leader of government and regulatory affairs for the Plant Sciences Division before becoming BIOCOM’s first president and CEO.

“eStudySite is on the verge of significant business opportunity and rapid growth, “ said Panetta. “I admire the company, its management team and what they’ve accomplished. I look forward to being part of their future success.”

eStudySite has recently expanded into its second San Diego hospital and is now active in five San Diego-based clinical trial sites. It acquired Optimum Health Services in 2005 to provide central nervous system trial studies and it has three partner hospitals as well as several more prospective hospital partner sites underway.