



## Local Expertise + Global Leader = A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP

Eurofins Analytico Laboratories, a Belgian company that tests food and pharmaceutical products, recently moved into their new home at the University of New Orleans Foundation Research & Technology Park.

McDonnell, who constructed the original building in 2002, was retained by the UNO Research & Technology Foundation to help Eurofins convert 45,000 SF of existing space into new state-of-the-art labs and offices.

The work that Eurofins performs directly affects each and every one of us. Whether it's identifying safety concerns in the manufacturing processes of pharmaceuticals, performing pre-clinical drug research and development, DNA extraction, or agricultural plants and livestock testing, Eurofins is the world leader in assuring the foods we eat and the medicines we take are safe. Their work is far more extensive than that, so it is a great honor that McDonnell was selected to build Eurofins' new laboratory facility in New Orleans.

The project presented many challenges. The scope involved intense renovations on three separate nonconsecutive floors and modifying the existing roof penthouse in a building with many other tenants. There was no "good time" to perform work

that might disrupt the operations of the other tenants.

The interior build out included the construction of new offices, a conference room, an employee breakroom, and storage for food and pharmaceutical samples to be tested.

McDonnell installed a new AHU, an emergency generator, and several exhaust fans on the existing roof. Structural modifications were necessary on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors as well as the roof to accommodate the new equipment. A new pad and enclosure was built for the lab gas tanks. The existing MEP systems, including a new fire protection system, were upgraded to handle the specific needs of Eurofins' highly sensitive testing equipment.

The Eurofins move is a win-win for greater New Orleans and UNO. Discussions are underway for Eurofins to potentially provide UNO chemistry and biology students with job training opportunities. The 10-year lease for their new space, a possible partnership with UNO, along with plans to grow the staff from the current 75 to 200 people, is a testament to their commitment to the area. 🏡

"I did some extensive research on Eurofins prior to our interview. I wanted to be prepared and have a comprehensive understanding of their culture, the services they provide, and who their clients are. They are evolving at a rapid pace while providing services second to none. They are the stuff and I'm extremely proud to add their project to my resume. And it all started by a mom and dad's research and the son's vision..."

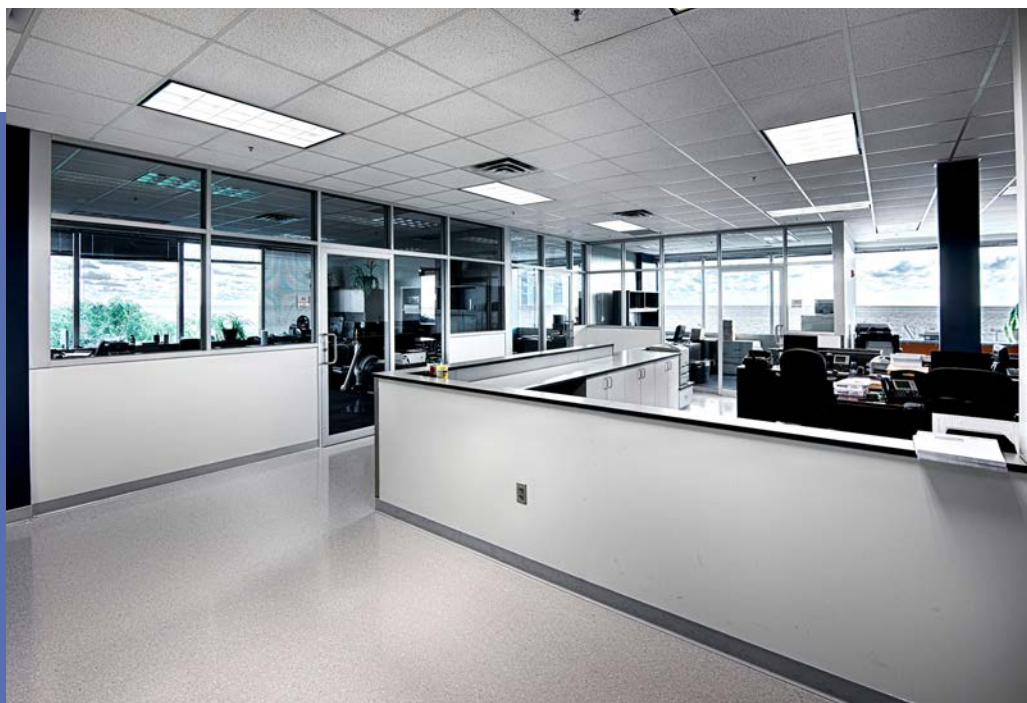
**Joe Montalbano, Superintendent**



### QUICK STATS

- \$4,035,704
- 45,000 SF
- Labs and supporting office space
- 1,000+ tests conducted per day
- July 2013 - March 2014
- Lou Campero/Grayson Bultman (Project Manager), Joe Montalbano (Superintendent), John Eskew/Dustin Grevemberg (Project Engineers), Melissa Kobeski (Project Administrator), Bryan Abney/Derek Dorsey/Mike Fobbs/Rodney Incardona/Nicco Montalbano (Field Team)

Few testing laboratories can match the level of expertise, technological leadership, attention to quality and customer service that have made Eurofins the global leader in many of the fields where it is active. Large investments in innovation, technology, IT and logistics and very large sample volumes ensure that Eurofins' customers enjoy high standards of quality at reasonable prices.



### Eurofins Facts

- Founded in 1987 with 10 employees to market a patented analytical method used to verify the origin and purity of several types of food and beverages and identify sophisticated fraud not detectable by other methods
- Global leader in food, environmental, and pharmaceutical products testing
- #1 in the world in the field of environmental laboratory services and discovery pharmacology
- Global market leader in agrosience, genomics and central laboratory services
- International network of 190+ laboratories across 37 countries including Europe, North & South America, and Asia-Pacific
- 15,000+ staff
- Portfolio of 100,000+ reliable and validated analytical methods to establish the safety, identity, composition, authenticity, origin, traceability, and purity of biological substances and products

For more information on the work that Eurofins does at UNO Research & Technology Park, visit <http://food.eurofins.com/>

