

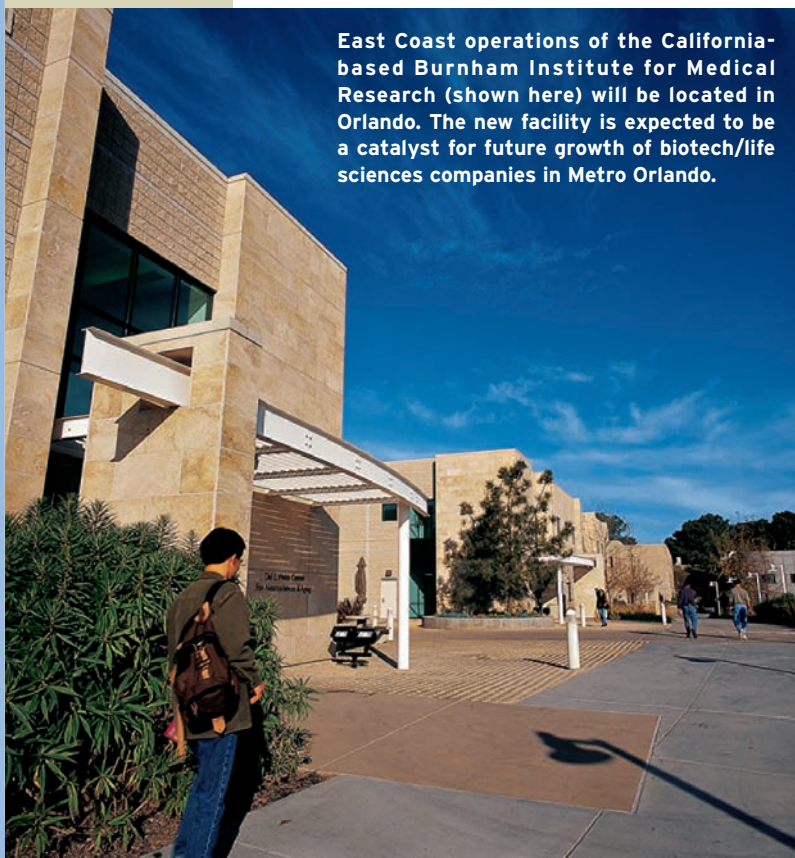
The Burnham INSTITUTE

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SETTING THE STAGE FOR A BIOMEDICAL CLUSTER IN METRO ORLANDO.



Few tasks are more worthy than working to unravel the mysteries of diseases that affect those we love. At the Burnham Institute for Medical Research, scientists work day in and day out trying to find treatments and cures for Alzheimer's, cancer, diabetes and a myriad of other diseases that may one day help those we care about most.



East Coast operations of the California-based Burnham Institute for Medical Research (shown here) will be located in Orlando. The new facility is expected to be a catalyst for future growth of biotech/life sciences companies in Metro Orlando.

It is a righteous mission. One that leaders in Metro Orlando and throughout the State of Florida recognize and embrace. That's why Florida has scrupulously courted biotechnology companies in recent years. And why an outpouring of community pride was felt when Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Dr. John Reed, president and CEO of the Burnham Institute for Medical Research, announced that Metro Orlando would become the future home of its East Coast operations.

WHAT'S TO COME

Within the next few years, Burnham plans to create 300 research jobs and build a 175,000-square-foot facility in Orlando's Lake Nona area. The company's goals for their Florida location include expansion of capabilities in chemistry, pharmacology, and functional genomics, themes that will complement and fortify the Institute's