### PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT

January 15, 2020



#### PREPARED FOR THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

**Project Address:** 650 Forward Drive

**Application Type:** Nexus One Clinical Lab Expansion, located in UDD 2

Initial/Final Approval is Requested

Legistar File ID # 58119

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## **Background Information**

Applicant | Contact: Jody Shaw, Potter Lawson, Inc., Madison WI

**Project Description:** The applicant is requesting final approval for site plan improvements that consist of two major building additions. The additions run along both the East and West sides of the existing lab building. On the east side, the Nexus One Clinical Lab Expansion is an addition to the Phase 1 Clinical Lab building and the Phase 2 Production Lab building. On the west side, the Nexus One Clinical Lab Expansion extends the entire length of the existing building and provides an activated corner along Watts Rd.

#### **Project History/Schedule:**

• The UDC received an informational presentation on November 20, 2019.

#### **Approval Standards:**

The UDC is an approving body on this request. The site is located in Urban Design District 2 ("UDD 2"), which establishes the Urban Design Commission is an approving body, using the design standards and guidelines for that district. MGO §33.24(9)

# **Summary of Design Considerations & Recommendations**

Staff recommends the UDC review the proposed development against the requirements and guidelines of UDD 2 and the Nov. 20 UDC comments as well as how the proposed additions fit with the existing site and building context.

Comments from the November 20, 2019 informational presentation:

- Provide more detail on stormwater design
- I hope to see this softened up with some substantial landscaping, big blocks of plantings.
- Consider using a canopy as part of the composition with the facades.
- Architecturally I really like the language.