DaVita Extends Lease to Maintain Strong Business Presence in Tacoma

FORTUNE 500 Company Signs New Leases Keeping Nearly 900 Jobs in the City

DaVita Inc. , a leading provider of kidney care services for those diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (CKD), today announced it has completed negotiations to extend its lease on office space at 1423 Pacific Avenue as well as at the Columbia Bank Center. DaVita currently has nearly 900 teammates (employees) located in Tacoma.

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"Tacoma is a great location for many of DaVita's important support operations and the wonderful teammates that help make DaVita one of 'The Best Places to Work,' according to Modern Healthcare Magazine. We are very pleased to extend our presence here," said Jim Hilger, Vice President and Controller at DaVita. "The City of Tacoma and the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County have gone out of their way to assist DaVita during our search for solutions to our local office space needs. We appreciate their strong support and look forward to continuing our relationship."

Further details and terms of the lease agreements are not being released.

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About DaVita Inc.

DaVita Inc., a FORTUNE 500® company, is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, providing dialysis services and education for patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. Recognized as the only FORTUNE 500 company on WorldBlu's annual list of "Most Democratic Work Places," DaVita manages more than 1,400 outpatient facilities and acute units in more than 700 hospitals located in 43 states and the District of Columbia, serving approximately 114,000 patients - nearly one-in-three of all dialysis patients in the United States. As part of DaVita's commitment to building a healthy, caring community, DaVita develops, participates in and donates to numerous programs dedicated to transforming communities and creating positive, sustainable change for children, families and our environment. For more information about DaVita, its kidney education materials and its community programs, please visit www.davita.com.

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