

Taxolog, Inc., Tallahassee Facility Fact Sheet

- Taxolog, Inc., recently opened a new biomedical research facility in Tallahassee, Florida, to focus on the biological aspect of the research and development of drugs designed to treat cancer and other diseases.
- The single-story, state-of-the-art building is located on Sessions Road, off North Monroe Street, and will eventually encompass 23,000 square feet.
- Phase one of construction includes the initial 19,000 square feet of laboratory and office space. Phase two, which will add another 4,000 square feet to the building, is expected to be complete in November 2003.
- Taxolog's Tallahassee operation includes seven laboratories for various disciplines and high-tech instruments, including:
 - A Dual Laser Flow Cytometer, an instrument used to isolate populations of cells in order to study their cycle, death and reactions to drugs.
 - An ultralow freezer (kept at -80° C) and liquid nitrogen cryopreservation system (kept at -180° C), which are designed to preserve materials prone to chemical changes.
 - Twelve (12) biosafety cabinets used to conduct experiments under a sterilized airflow.
- Scientists at Taxolog "grow" 10 different varieties of human cancers, in order to test potential cancer-fighting drugs against them.
- Currently, the Tallahassee operation employs 10 researchers, technicians and administrative staff. Taxolog anticipates it will recruit and hire additional Principal Investigators, technicians and support staff as the Tallahassee branch continues to grow.
- The facility also includes office space for the MDS (Molecular Design and Synthesis) Research Foundation and SynCure Cancer Research Foundation, non-profit organizations established by Dr. Robert Holton to accelerate research for cancer treatments.
- According to Taxolog officials, the estimated building and equipment costs are \$6 million.