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Chicago-Based Food-Testing Company Silliker Opens Lab in Lakeland

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LAKELAND | A Chicago-based food testing firm has expanded to Lakeland.

Silliker, which operates an international network of food testing and consulting laboratories, recently opened a small lab here at 2525 Drane Field Road.

"With Tampa and Orlando, Lakeland forms an impressive triad of cities along Interstate 4 in Central Florida," said Johannes Burlin, president of Silliker North America, in a prepared statement. "Lakeland resides in one of the state's most robust business regions, providing us with an ideal geographical base to serve area processors, manufacturers, retailers, distributors and foodservice establishments."

Silliker spokesman John Williams said the 5,500-square-foot Lakeland lab currently employs six people and "was designed with enough capacity to grow the business substantially." The facility performs microbiological analysis among other services, working with Silliker clients in Florida and elsewhere, Williams said.

The site complies with state of Florida standards and International Organization for Standardization requirements for food testing laboratories.

Silliker, founded in 1967, operates more than 45 locations in 16 countries, according to the company's website. The firm's clients include food manufacturers, restaurants, caterers and retailers.

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