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**Nanospectra Biosciences Co-Founders Named Inventors of Year by State Bar of Texas**

***Halas and West Recognized for Patent Exclusively Licensed to Nanospectra***

**Houston, Texas – June 11, 2010** – Nanospectra Biosciences, Inc. today announced that its founding scientists, Naomi Halas, PhD and Jennifer West, PhD, were named the Inventors of the Year by the State Bar of Texas for their U.S. Patent No. 6,530,944, “Optically-Active Nanoparticles for Use in Therapeutic and Diagnostic Methods. This patent is among those exclusively licensed to Nanospectra and includes the use of use light-activated nanoparticles in cancer therapy.

Halas is the Stanley C. Moore Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering and Professor of Physics, Chemistry and Biomedical Engineering, and West is the Isabel C. Cameron Professor, Department Chair for Bioengineering and Professor in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. West and Halas are the first women to win the award, which has been presented since 1983, and theirs is also the first nanotechnology-based invention to win.

The Rice professors were honored during the State Bar of Texas Intellectual Property Section luncheon during the organization's annual meeting June 11 in Fort Worth, Texas.

**About Nanospectra Biosciences:**

Nanospectra Biosciences, Inc. is a privately held, emerging life science company engaged in the commercialization of AuroLase® Therapy, a particle-based therapy for the selective and precise thermal destruction of solid tumors while minimizing damage to healthy adjacent tissue and preserving critical structures. AuroLase Therapy is an investigational medical device currently being evaluated in a clinical study. Based in Houston, Texas, the Company was founded on intellectual property from Rice University and collaborative research with scientists at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

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