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**Watchdog Exposés Ignite Primate Research Scandal;
Desperate Primate Centers Now Advertise for Public Relations
Firm to Put Pretty Picture on Primate Research Center Failures**

WASHINGTON, DC— After years of negative news stories about their poor treatment of animals, and questionable research results, the seven remaining federal facilities that comprise the Primate Research Center system are looking to hire a public relations firm to bolster their damaged reputations, a national research watchdog group has divulged. <http://everything-pr.com/federal-government-rfp/73934/>

The desperate act came following the 2013 closure of the East Coast flagship facility, the Harvard's Primate Research Center, after its failings began to drag down the image of Harvard itself, said SAEN (Stop Animal Exploitation Now).

SAEN has dogged the seven remaining primate centers, filing "official complaints" with government regulators that have resulted in citations, investigations, "Official Warnings," and open cases against the laboratories. Collectively SAEN has generated dozens of unique news stories focused on the mistakes of the seven remaining Primate Centers since 2013.

At Harvard, for instance, in the period leading up to the announcement of the closure of Harvard's Primate Research Center in 2013, SAEN's campaign against the Center generated over two dozen news stories. Since the announcement, another 11 negative news stories have run against Harvard's primate experiments as a result of SAEN's efforts.

Other facilities nationwide that have eliminated primate use, including the University of Oklahoma's baboon program, Penn State's primate research program at its med school and Wooster College of Ohio's primate research program.

But negligent fatalities continue to mount and controversy swirls around the entire Primate Research Center System, said SAEN.

"I imagine that the Primate Centers do feel a bit shell shocked," said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN. "SAEN has turned the fatal negligence within the primate centers into a scandal that simply won't die, because these bungling laboratories seem utterly unable to follow even basic animal care regulations, let alone conduct good science."

Budkie said federal inspection reports have documented dozens of negligent deaths within the primate centers from strangulation, trauma and botched procedures. Broken bones, burn injuries, and other pathologies are frequently documented in the centers. Primate escapes are a common occurrence. The primate centers are often cited by the USDA for unqualified personnel, inadequate veterinary care, failure to follow the law, mistreatment of animals, and outright animal abuse.

"Negligence and abuse are rampant at the Primate Research Centers," added Budkie. "These facilities and the public would be better served if a larger investment was made in cutting-edge technology instead of attempting to hide the scandal and brainwash the public."

All records are available upon request.