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## **VIRAL EXPRESSION SYSTEMS EXPECTED TO PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN FUTURE RESEARCH PROGRAMS**

*Viral expression systems are beginning to have a greater presence in basic research.*

October 15, 2003, San Mateo, Calif. — The worldwide commercial viral expression systems market is projected to experience an 11% overall compound annual growth rate (CAGR) over the next five years as academic and private research laboratories seek more efficient methods of gene delivery and as current and emerging viral expression systems become accepted by the general scientific community.

According to Front Line's strategic market report released today, entitled **Viral Expression Systems: Industry Trends and End-User Analyses**, specific factors driving the development and growth of the viral expression systems market include novel viral expression systems, the emergence of universal cloning and expression platforms, and the growing interest and research in siRNA technologies. The report evaluates leading technologies, and their areas of application while providing end-user testimonials and in-depth analysis of key viral expression systems suppliers.

In the report, Front Line notes that the viral expression systems market is fairly mature, with a few major players, including BD Clontech and Invitrogen, dominating the field. Front Line predicts that in the next five years, segment leaders will likely acquire smaller players with promising technologies and new market entrants will only occupy niche spaces.

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“Academic and private research programs view viral expression systems as valuable tools in their work. As efficient gene delivery in gene therapy and siRNA research is proven, the use of viral expression systems will expand,” says Alek Bituin, analyst, strategic market reports for Front Line.

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