

## **GenVault Introduces A New Desktop Archive For GenPlate Storage**

CARLSBAD, Calif., December 5, 2005 -- GenVault, the leader in integrated biosample management, today announced the availability of the new GenVault Desktop Archive, a small, stand-alone storage module for up to one hundred GenPlates®. The GenPlate is a 384-well plate system for room temperature dry state storage of DNA that eliminates the need for cryostorage and the risk of sample degradation from repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

The Desktop Archive is compatible with all GenPlate formats and has approximately the same sample aliquot capacity as a traditional freezer in about one-tenth the space. With a maximum storage capacity of up to 1,200 samples or 38,400 aliquots in just over two cubic feet, the archive enables efficient storage of DNA and maximizes DNA retrieval by allowing researchers to create aliquot sizes matched to analysis needs.

As with GenVault's Personal Archive, the Desktop Archive has no backup or electrical requirements but maintains GenPlates in a clean, dehumidified environment.

As biosample collections grow, the samples and data stored by the Desktop Archive can be fully integrated into GenVault's other storage systems. Upgrading to the Personal or Dynamic Archive systems is as simple as transferring the GenPlate collection to the storage hardware of choice. Similarly, the sample data stored in the Desktop Archive system is fully supported by GenConnect, GenVault's biosample management software system.

### **About GenVault**

GenVault is the leader in integrated biosample management. The company currently provides integrated archiving and retrieval solutions for organizations managing DNA collections. GenVault aims to serve customers including medical centers, academic institutions, pharmaceutical companies, and law enforcement agencies. Future systems will also accommodate proteins and RNA to provide a comprehensive solution. As a scalable and reliable alternative to traditional freezer networks and DNA purification systems, GenVault's dry-state platform enables the extraction, preservation and recovery of DNA at room temperature. This novel sample management solution is configured for each customer's workflow and the planned growth of their biosample archive. In December 2004, GenVault was named as one of Red Herring's Top 100 Innovators. From its GenPlate to its Dynamic Archive solution, GenVault is continuously developing and refining best practices for integrated biosample management.