



Roto-Rooter Buys Five Northern California Franchises – Acquisition is the Company's Largest to Date

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CINCINNATI--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 1, 2018-- Chemed Corporation ("Chemed") (NYSE:CHE) today announced its Roto-Rooter Services Company subsidiary has acquired five formerly independent Roto-Rooter franchises covering several areas of Northern California. This is Roto-Rooter's largest franchise acquisition to date, with annual sales of \$22 million. The territories served by the franchises encompass all or parts of six counties, including Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Solano, Napa, Sonoma and San Benito, with a combined population of approximately four million people. The acquired territories include the cities of San Jose, Santa Rosa, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Vallejo, Concord, Fairfield and Napa.

The sale was effective October 1, 2018. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. This acquisition is part of Roto-Rooter's ongoing strategy of acquiring franchises to boost productivity, market share and profitability.

Listed on the New York Stock Exchange and headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Chemed Corporation (www.chemed.com) operates two wholly owned subsidiaries: VITAS Healthcare and Roto-Rooter. VITAS is the nation's largest provider of end-of-life hospice care and Roto-Rooter is the nation's leading provider of plumbing and drain cleaning services.

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