

Biosciences Business Group

The ESU School of Business, through its Center for Business and Economic Development (CBED), is developing a Rural Entrepreneurship and Applied Technology program. An important part of this program is to be in a position to build on and take advantage of any opportunity for ESU participation in the Kansas Economic Growth Act. A key element of this effort is to partner with the Biosciences Faculty to monitor and explore any opportunities identified. That is the focus of this Biosciences Business Group.

A group of fifteen ESU faculty members has been initially identified with the highest potential (they along with their students and alumni) for the creation of a business (or businesses) based on their interest and work in the biosciences, under the new state initiative, signed into law on April 19, 2004 by Governor Sebelius, the Economic Growth Act. This act includes initiatives for both the biosciences and for entrepreneurship in and for the State of Kansas.

Bill Smith, Director of the CBED, will coordinate the Group and send regular emails, sometimes with information to share, sometimes with requests to respond to questions raised. We anticipate meetings of the group, around a table, perhaps a couple of times a semester this first year, to share and discuss possible activities on and around campus. Each and every member should feel free to send appropriate messages to the group, for discussion and consideration. Each has received an initial email message, similar to these paragraphs, including the names and email addresses of the members.

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Following is a note from a recent KTEC newsletter, announcing the formation of the Kansas Bioscience Association and website, the first step in implementation of the Economic Growth Act biosciences initiative. Please look over each of these. Review the website. Your comments, to the group, would be appreciated

"The Kansas Bioscience Association (KansasBio), an advocacy organization for the Kansas bioscience industry and its research institutions founded by KTEC and the Kansas

City Area Life Sciences Institute, launched its new website and a drive for membership last week. The new organization is focused on serving as the voice of biosciences in Kansas, accelerating the growth of the biosciences in the state, enhancing the state's bioscience business and research climate and attracting and retaining bioscience talent and companies. Membership benefits include participation in the BIO Business Solutions program and other value-added programs, educational resources, networking opportunities and awareness building for the industry as a whole.

All the latest information is now available at: <http://www.kansasbio.org/>

The Group held its first meeting on August 26 in Cremer Hall. Only five people were able to attend all or part of the meeting, as several others were kept away by conflicts. On September 8, a statewide meeting in Manhattan will be attended by some members of the Group, and the information gained at that meeting will be shared with the group.

For more details, including photos, of the early Spring 2005 meetings of the Hot Teams, go to: <http://www.emporia.edu/business/cbedPDF/BiosciencesSpr05.pdf>.