

**Economic Development Committee Memorandum**  
Board of Regents, State of Iowa

**Subject:** Biosciences Alliance Status Report  
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**Recommended Action:**

Receive the report.

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**Executive Summary:**

Bill Decker, Interim Vice President for Research, University of Iowa, and chair of the interinstitutional Economic Development and Technology Transfer Committee, will provide an oral report on the progress of the Biosciences Alliance.

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**Background:**

Battelle report recommended formation of the Alliance	The Battelle report, <i>Iowa's Bioscience Pathway for Development</i> , included a recommendation for the formation of an Iowa Biosciences Alliance whose purpose would be to facilitate communications, foster joint approaches to issues, and develop a critical mass of support to stimulate actions required to realize Iowa's bioscience vision.
Formation led by the Biosciences Steering Committee	The process of forming the Biosciences Alliance is being led by the Biosciences Steering Committee, a group formed by the Department of Economic Development. The steering committee's membership includes representatives from the Board of Regents and Board office, Regent universities, the Department of Economic Development, and the Iowa business community.

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