

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Economic Development Committee Members
Board of Regents, State of Iowa

FROM: Anthony G. Girardi

DATE: April 20, 2005 *ASN*

SUBJ: Biosciences Alliance Status Report

Recommended Action:

Receive the report.

Executive Summary:

Members of the Regents' interinstitutional Economic Development and Technology Transfer Committee will provide an oral report on the progress of the Biosciences Alliance.

Background:

Battelle report
recommended formation
of the Alliance

The Battelle report, Iowa's Bioscience Pathway for Development, included a recommendation for the formation of the Iowa Biosciences Alliance. The alliance includes representation from the Regents enterprise, other Iowa postsecondary institutions, agriculture, industry, government, and associations.

Alliance's purposes

The stated purposes of the alliance include: determining priorities for state investments in bioscience initiatives; and, coordinating university and industry approaches to the development of economic opportunities in the biosciences.
