COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Anthony G. Girardi

DATE: April 20, 2005

SUBJ: Biosciences Alliance Status Report

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**Recommended Action:**

Receive the report.

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**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.

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**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.