

BIOSCIENCES ALLIANCE STATUS REPORT

Action Requested: Receive the report .

Executive Summary: Deputy Executive Director Steinke will provide an oral report on the progress of the Biosciences Alliance.

Background: 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.

The stated purposes of the alliance include the following:

- to steward the development of the Iowa Biosciences Industry;
- to determine priorities for state investments in university bioscience initiatives;
- to coordinate university and industry approaches to the development of economic opportunities in the biosciences;
- and, to operate a statewide commercialization entity designed to assist emerging companies and entrepreneurs.