

COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Anthony G. Girardi

DATE: April 20, 2005 *ASN*

SUBJ: ISU's biotechnology risk assessment project

Recommended Action:

Receive the report.

Executive Summary:

Iowa State University will provide an oral report on the Biotechnology Risk Assessment Project.

Background:

Biosciences Alliance's
Integrated Biosecurity
platform

This collaborative effort is the focus of the Biosciences Alliance's *Integrated Biosecurity* platform. The effort is led by ISU's Biosafety Institute for Genetically Modified Agricultural Products (or BIGMAP) in close collaboration with a researchers at the University of Iowa.

Project purposes

The project's purposes are to develop and implement methodologies for independent risk/benefit assessment of genetically modified agricultural products; develop strategies for mitigating risks; and communicate findings to key regulatory agencies, policymakers, and to the public to safeguard consumers and the environment.
