

**Bioscience Industry 2009 Legislative Survey:**

1. Name:

Tom Sloan

2. What is the office seat you are running for and in what district is that seat?

45th District, Kansas House of Representatives

3. FEDERAL RESEARCH INITIATIVES - Do you support recruiting large-scale federal research initiatives to Kansas, such as the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility which several state stakeholders are currently trying to recruit to Manhattan, Kansas? If yes, how involved should the Kansas legislature be in these recruitment efforts? Do you feel the state of Kansas has assembled the right kind of coalition to go after projects of this magnitude?

I support any and all cutting-edge research facilities/opportunities, especially the NBADF facility. The Legislature must be an active partner with the Governor, local elected officials, our Congressional delegation, academic institutions, and the private sector. As the incumbent legislator, I consistently voted in support of the state's initiative to recruit NBADF. I also have consistently voted against all restrictions on bio-science and other scientific research opportunities.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - At what level of funding do you support the following state-funded economic development agencies, programs and incentives?

	Increase Funding	Maintain Funding	Decrease Funding	Eliminate Funding
Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA)	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC)	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
Angel Investor Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
Research & Development Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
Business Machinery & Equipment Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
High Performance Incentive Program (HPIP) Investment Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-
HPIP Training & Education Tax Credits	-	<b>Selected</b>	-	-

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Using your answers to the economic development funding question above as a guide, please explain your rationale for either increasing, maintaining, decreasing or eliminating funding for each agency, program or incentive. Also, please use the space below to explain any new program/incentive ideas you may wish to introduce or how you plan on reallocating resources.

KBA - The state's revenue projections do not permit an increase in direct state funding for the KBA (growth should occur as the bio-science industry grows and tax transfers grow).

KTEC - The state's revenue projections will not permit an increase in state funding for FY 2009 and 2010. We must maintain our existing support level for KTEC, and the regional center (e.g. LRTC).

Angel Investor Tax Credits - The state revenue projections for FYI 2009 and FY 2010 will not permit increases in expenditure or reduction in revenues (more tax credits). Constitutional requirements to fund education and federal requirements to meet SRS caseloads and other education and human service needs.

As the former Chairman of the Higher Education Committee, I advanced the state's commitment to intellectual inquiry and commercialization of discoveries. My wife and I both have Ph.D degrees and value research. Currently, I serve as chairman of the Lawrence Technology Association. I also am the legislator responsible for securing tax exempt status for the wet lab facility to be developed on KU's west campus in a partnership with the KU Endowment Assoc, LRTC, Lawrence-Douglas County Bio-science Authority & KBA.

6. STEM CELLS - During the 2008 Kansas legislative session, legislators did not engage in much stem cell research or definition discussion, while in other states (such as Missouri), the topic seemed to dominate their legislative session. Do you

feel that stem cell definitions and guidelines should be determined at the federal level or at the state level?

I have consistently voted against all proposed restrictions on stem cell and other research. I do not believe that state or federal legislators or executives should determine what is appropriate research agendas or paths.

7. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION - Do you support helping to establish guidelines for intellectual property (IP) protection for bioscience companies who wish to partner and engage in research projects with Kansas' research universities?

Yes. As chairman of the Lawrence Technology Association I am working with some of our member companies on this issue.

8. BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY GROWTH - What are one or two areas where you feel you could impact the growth of the biosciences industry in Kansas?

A. Protect funding to KBA, KTEC, etc and protect against efforts to limit research and development(e.g. stem cell notes above; the bio-engineered rice operation near Junction City).

B. Enhance commercial development of university research & spin-off companies and independent research entrepreneurs.