

Bioscience Industry 2009 Legislative Survey:

1. Name:

Ed Trimmer

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

Kansas State Representative, 78th district

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?

Yes, I feel Kansas provided the appropriate response and the Legislature played an important role. As a member of the Kansas House, I feel we did everything that was asked of us during the previous two sessions. I feel the Legislature's role is adequate, but could improve if given direction by those leading the efforts to win the competition for the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility.

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)	Selected	-	-	-
Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC)	Selected	-	-	-
Angel Investor Tax Credits	-	Selected	-	-
Research & Development Tax Credits	Selected	-	-	-
Business Machinery & Equipment Tax Credits	-	Selected	-	-
High Performance Incentive Program (HPIP) Investment Tax Credits	Selected	-	-	-
HPIP Training & Education Tax Credits	Selected	-	-	-

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.

We need to capitalize on our strengths in the area of biosciences and technology and promote them through investment, education and training. I feel that business machinery tax credits will soon be unnecessary because of the machinery and equipment tax exemption passed in 2006. Angel investor tax credits provide funds for investment, but I feel the timeframe for investment in some instances is too short for some enterprises, so I question their overall effectiveness.

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 believe stem cell definitions should be made at the federal level, since many research grants depend on federal funding and are therefore subject to federal standards. I was opposed to the proposed definitions of "stem cells" and "human cloning" that were passed out of the House Health and Human Resources Committee in 2007.

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. I feel these rights must be clearly defined for these types of projects to be successful.

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

As a member of the House Health and Human Resources Committee I could help by promoting rational approaches to therapeutic cloning and helping to fund research in this area. As a newly appointed member of the Commission for Rural Policy, I could also give input that could help promote new research in agriculture. I could support funding for new research and advancements in agriculture as a member of the House.