

Bioscience Industry 2009 Legislative Survey:

1. Name:

Dolores Furtado

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

Candidate for State Representative
 District 19
 Overland Park

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 efforts to bring federal research facilities to Kansas. The Legislature, as a body, should support these efforts because of the economic benefits derived locally as well as the contribution to the nation. As for individual members of the legislature, I believe those residing in the geographic area in which such a facility would be located and members with expertise or experience in the research, should express their support.

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.

The economic crises facing our nation will impact on state revenues. It would be my goal to protect what has already been a commitment by previous actions taken by the Legislature and to distribute new revenues (if any) in a manner that benefits the state in a visionary fashion.

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?

As a scientist who participated in medical research throughout my professional career, I support the having the state define and establish guidelines.

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?

As a University faculty member I have had to deal with Intellectual property rights. I believe such protection should be maintained.

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

Water/air quality: Being in the heartland, Kansas could provide leadership in monitoring, preserving, enhancing water and air quality.

Biotechnology: medical and agricultural applications.