

# Kansas Bioscience Initiative

Kansas. Thinking Big in Bioscience.

## Kansas Economic Growth Act



Determined to be a national competitor in this arena, the Kansas Legislature overwhelmingly passed the **Kansas Economic Growth Act** (KEGA). KEGA has as one of its critical components the statewide "Bioscience Initiative." This Initiative provides a tangible process for promotion and support of the biosciences industry. A funding mechanism in KEGA, tied to future growth in the industry, is expected to generate over \$580 million over the next 10 to 15 years. These funds may be utilized to develop the bioscience research- to-development continuum, recruit world-class scholars, fund the development of the necessary lab space and equipment to conduct superior research, drive the commercialization of bioscience discoveries and support the growth of the biosciences industry base.

## The Kansas Bioscience Authority ([www.kansasbioauthority.org](http://www.kansasbioauthority.org))

In order to receive the best guidance possible in the use of such funds, KEGA created the **Kansas Bioscience Authority** - an independent body comprised of prominent leaders in the areas of technology, science and economic development from Kansas and across the nation. The State will look to the Bioscience Authority to develop an infrastructure that makes Kansas a center for bioscience research, innovation and commercialization.



## KTEC: A Key Ally in the Biosciences ([www.ktec.com](http://www.ktec.com))

**Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation** (KTEC) is a private/public partnership, created by the State to support technology-based economic development in Kansas. Central to this mission, KTEC serves as

steward of the state's commercialization "value chain," which works to transform scientific discoveries into market-driven businesses.

As a natural extension of its mission, KTEC leveraged its expertise and resources to play a key role in developing the Kansas Economic Growth Act. KTEC continues its commitment to Kansas by sponsoring the Kansas Bioscience & Innovation Roadmap process, serving as a founding member of KansasBio and supporting the Kansas Bioscience Authority. KTEC is committed to ensuring that Kansans reap the benefits of a strong bioscience industry, as part of its mission to enhance all technology-related industries in Kansas.



## Kansas Bioscience Organization ([www.kansasbio.org](http://www.kansasbio.org))

**KansasBio** is a not-for-profit organization serving as a unified voice representing the bioscience community in

Kansas. Across the human, plant, animal and industrial biosciences, KansasBio is focused on enhancing the business and research climate and working with leaders across the state to attract and retain bioscience talent, companies and funding. KansasBio was founded in 2004 by KTEC and Kansas City Are Life Sciences Institute (KCALSI).

## Kansas Department of Commerce ([www.kansascommerce.com](http://www.kansascommerce.com))

The **Kansas Department of Commerce** (Commerce) has a clear mission: to empower individuals, businesses and communities to realize prosperity in Kansas. To this end, Commerce comprises a variety of programs and services that create jobs, attract new investment, provide workforce training, encourage community development and sell the state as a wonderful place to travel, live and do business. These programs are administered by a dynamic staff that is dedicated to improving the quality of life of all Kansans.

