



Technology Transfer and Commercialization at UNI

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Highlights of UNI's Contributions to Economic Development

Economic Development Contributions

- 448 communities assisted in local development efforts
- 4,000 business clients – solving business problems
- 34,500 employees and community volunteers in all 99 counties assisted
- 250 training workshops
- 91 faculty and 927 students participated in outreach activities



About UNI

- While UNI has made considerable contributions to the State of Iowa in Economic Development and Tech Transfer, particularly in the form of hands-on assistance to businesses and communities, we have only recently begun to take strides in patents and commercialization.



The State of Tech Transfer and Commercialization at UNI

- Intellectual Properties Committee (IPC) established in 1998. IPC created an Intellectual Properties Policy
- Mining for commeriabile research
- Market research recently added to Intellectual Properties Committee
- Involvement of UNI Research Foundation
 - Have made several initial seed investments in technologies related to Bioeconomy



The State of Tech Transfer and Commercialization at UNI (cont)

- Incubation
 - Urban—Regional Business Center
 - Rural—MyEntreNet
 - Students—Student Incubator
- Creation of Regional Angel Investment Networks (RAINs), including first ever in Iowa, the Cedar Valley Venture Fund
- New Interim Associate Vice Provost of Research and Outreach



Critical Needs to Make Tech Transfer and Commercialization Occur

- Staffing
- Culture Change
- Identification of Licensing Opportunities
- Seed and Follow-on Venture Financing
- Faculty Research Funding



UNI's Commitment to Growing the Bioeconomy

- We support the findings and recommendations in the Battelle Report
- Recommended platforms build on niches of Regent University expertise
- UNI's roles in bioscience initiatives are complementary of the larger roles of UI and ISU
- Hands-on technology transfer and economic development has been our greatest strength
- We are committed to the Bioscience Alliance



How can the Iowa Legislature support the Battelle Report?

- Invest in the Bioeconomy—the projected Return on Investment is high
- Restore the Iowa Values Fund—UNI's Iowa Values Fund project closely links to the roles outlined in the Battelle Report
- Long-term commitment is critical



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