

## Portland Development Commission Biosciences Cluster Submission

- **Key Cluster Participants:** Biosciences is made up of four primary industries including Pharmaceutical & Medicine Manufacturing, Medical Equipment & Supplies Manufacturing, R&D in the Physical, Engineering, & Life Sciences, and Medical & Diagnostic Laboratories. Portland area companies in the cluster include: A-Dec Inc, RS Medical, Quest Diagnostics, Exelis Plant Sciences Inc, Electrical Geodesics, Inc., IBM Life Sciences, Neurocom International, Inc., and Northwest Technology Ventures.
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- **Geographic Location:** Clackamas, Multnomah, & Washington counties
- **Structure:** PDC offers a full range of direct and indirect assistance to businesses looking to expand or locate in the Portland area. PDC also works to keep local businesses and jobs here. One of the areas where PDC focuses retention, expansion and recruitment efforts is in the biosciences industry.
- **Mission:** Help foster a positive business climate for the biosciences industry in Portland and throughout the State of Oregon.
- **Background:** The biosciences industry was first identified as a locally concentrated cluster in 2002 as part of a citywide economic development strategy. This industry cluster has been one of the fastest growing in the State of Oregon and Portland metropolitan region.

### Oregon's Overall Business Climate

*Areas to Address:* Clinical and Research Expertise, Availability of Space and Equipment, Technology Transfer, Escalating Real Estate Costs

### Top Core OBP Initiative Priorities

Target Workforce Development, Expand Oregon's Capacity for Economic Innovation, Increase Return on Investment in PreK-20 Education

### Specific Cluster Priorities

1. Work with OBA, OECDD and other industry partners to develop and implement action items which will increase available venture capital for Oregon based biosciences companies.
2. Support OECDD/ WorkSystems Inc workforce training initiative for biosciences jobs, especially for high-skilled professional positions and Regulatory Affairs Managers
3. Prioritize and align industry efforts with the Oregon Biosciences Association.