

A bill for an act
relating to bioscience and technology; establishing a bioscience business
promotion and marketing program in the Department of Employment and
Economic Development; appropriating money.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **MINNESOTA BIOSCIENCE BUSINESS PROMOTION AND
MARKETING PROGRAM; APPROPRIATIONS.**

\$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2007, \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2008, and \$1,000,000
in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
employment and economic development to develop and operate a bioscience business
marketing program to market Minnesota bioscience businesses and business opportunities
to other states and other countries. The bioscience business marketing program must
emphasize bioscience business location and expansion opportunities in communities
outside of the seven-county metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
473.121, subdivision 2, that have established collaborative plans among two or more
municipal units for bioscience business activities, and that are within 15 miles of a
four-year, baccalaureate degree granting institution or a two-year technical or community
college that offers bioscience curricula. The commissioner must report to the committees
of the senate and house of representatives having jurisdiction over bioscience and
technology issues by February 1 of each year on the expenditures of these funds and the
promotional activities undertaken to market the Minnesota bioscience industry to persons
outside of the state. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until expended.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.