

A bill for an act

relating to economic development; appropriating money for bioscience business development programs.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION FOR BIOSCIENCE BUSINESS INITIATIVES.**

\$2,200,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2008 from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to BioBusiness Alliance of Minnesota for bioscience business development programs to promote and position the state as a global leader in bioscience business activities. Funds appropriated under this section may be used for:

(1) completion and periodic updating of a statewide bioscience business industry assessment of business technology enterprises and Minnesota's competitive position employing annual updates to federal industry classification data;

(2) long-term strategic planning that includes projections of market changes resulting from developments in biotechnology and the development of 20-year goals, strategies and identified objectives for renewable energy, medical devices, biopharma, and biologics business development in Minnesota;

(3) the design and construction of a Minnesota focused bioscience business model to test competing strategies and scenarios, evaluate options, and forecast outcomes; and

(4) creation of a bioscience business resources network that includes development of a statewide bioscience business economic development framework to encourage bioscience business development and encourage spin-off activities, attract bioscience business location or expansion in Minnesota, and establish a local capability to support strategic system level planning for industry, government, and academia.

2.1 This appropriation is available until June 30, 2009.