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**Lawrence-Douglas County Biosciences Authority to Dedicate the Bioscience and Technology Business Center at the University of Kansas**

*McCownGordon and Gould Evans team up with the county and the University to lead collaborative project*

LAWRENCE, Kan., October 8, 2010 — The new bioscience and technology business center at the University of Kansas (KU) will host a dedication ceremony and tour at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8 on site, located at KU's west campus, 2029 Becker Drive, Lawrence Kan.

The \$7.25 million design-build construction project opened recently with a goal of helping to build successful companies that commercialize innovative technologies developed at the University of Kansas and by local entrepreneurs.

The Authority owns the building, which was funded by a partnership involving the Kansas Bioscience Authority, the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, KU, the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce and KU Endowment. The Lawrence Regional Technology Center manages the facility

Serving the needs of life sciences companies in the community, the center provides office, laboratory space, and business development support services.

The dedication ceremony will be hosted by LaVerne Epp, president and chair of the Lawrence-Douglas County Biosciences Authority. "Our purpose was to build an infrastructure on facilities, capital and talent utilizing and leveraging the assets of one of our community's most valuable resources - the University of Kansas," Epp said. "The new bioscience and technology incubator was the heart of that vision and is now a front door to entrepreneurs, innovators and the companies they create."

Located at the University of Kansas Life Sciences Research Campus in Lawrence, the 20,000 square-foot multi-tenant facility includes office and wet lab space. The incubator portion focuses on the areas of human health, drug discovery, drug development, medical devices, bioinformatics, bioenergy and biomaterials.

The project began construction in October 2009 and was completed on time and within budget June 2010. The space was designed and constructed as a flexible and expandable space in order to meet the needs of a wide range of life science companies and technologies.

"This facility is another successful stride towards making the Kansas City Metro the center of excellence in life sciences research and development," said Ramin Cherfat, Vice President for McCownGordon Construction. " We are proud to continue the successful partnership we have established with the Authority and the University over the years, helping to join technology with business services and educate bioscience leaders in our area."

Other speakers at the dedication ceremony include Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little; U.S. Senator Pat Roberts, R-Kan; Dan Watkins, a member of the Kansas Bioscience Authority Board of Directors; Cindy Yulich, chair of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce; County Commissioner Jim Flory, on behalf of city and county government; and Sam Campbell, president and chair of CritiTech.

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