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**INDUSTRY AND ACADEMIC LEADERS MEET THIS WEEK FOR SIX  
STATEWIDE BIOSCIENCE SUMMITS**  
*KTEC ENGAGES NATIONAL EXPERT TO HELP LEAD PROCESS IN SIX  
REGIONAL SUMMITS ACROSS KANSAS*

TOPEKA (October 4, 2004)—Six statewide bioscience summits, sponsored by Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC) will take place over the next four days in six separate cities across Kansas. The summits will bring together industry, business, academic and civic leaders. The summits were designed to “kick-start” the information-gathering process in order to create a strategic plan, or “Roadmap” for the state’s bioscience initiative.

In order to ensure a comprehensive understanding of Kansas’ bioscience assets and opportunities, KTEC has engaged Richard Seline of New Economy Strategies (NES) to facilitate the summits and develop the Roadmap. Seline, who is respected nationally for his expertise in developing technology-based economic development strategies, has been working closely with KTEC to prepare for the regional summit process.

Tracy Taylor, President and CEO of KTEC said, “Before Kansas can truly “know” where we are going in the bioscience industry, it is imperative that we have a clear picture of what strengths and opportunities are already available in Kansas. Once we have that clear picture, we can invest in a way that is strategic and focused. Kansas can’t be all things in the bioscience field. We must pick and choose –and do so wisely.”

Richard Seline explained, “It is important to keep in mind that this is the first step in a multi-phase process of information-gathering to create the Roadmap for Kansas. However, it is a critical step in the process. A successful bioscience strategy will depend upon strong and broad state and regional leadership, and the leveraging of regional strengths and synergies. These summits will provide that information.”

Although KTEC is the primary sponsor of the bioscience summits, other statewide bioscience organizations dedicated to implementing the statewide bioscience initiative will derive benefits of the summits and eventual roadmap. The organizations assisting in the summit process, include The National Institute for Strategic Technology Acquisition and Commercialization (NISTAC), The Kansas Department of Commerce, and Kansas Bio.

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Kent Glasscock, Executive Vice President of NISTAC commented, “It is important that the regions in Kansas take initiative in partnering with KTEC and other organizations dedicated to implementing the statewide bioscience initiative. Through the summit process, regions will have a clearer understanding of how they can partner with us and ensure that their region will be involved with, and can derive benefits from, the bioscience initiative.”

As part of the summit process, KTEC invited local leaders to act as regional co-chairs. assist the process and ensure accurate regional representation and interaction. The co-chairs are:

- East Central Region: Robert Clark (University of Kansas-Edwards Campus), Charles Carlsen (Johnson County Community College), and Michael Beckloff (Beckloff Associates);
- Northeast: Jim Baxendale (University of Kansas) and Ted Haggart (Douglass County Bank);
- North Central: Bob Krause (Kansas State University) and Kent Glasscock (NISTAC);
- Southwest and Northwest: Ed Hammond (Fort Hays State University) and Larry McCants (First National Bank);
- South Central: John Hutchinson (Wichita State University) and Jim Millis (Cargill Inc.);
- Southeast: Tom Bryant (Pittsburg State University) and Stephen Gound (Labconco Corporation)

The *Regional Bioscience and Innovation Summits* will be held in Overland Park, Lawrence, Wichita, Manhattan, Hays and Pittsburg between October 4-7, 2004. The final Roadmap will be completed by early 2005.

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