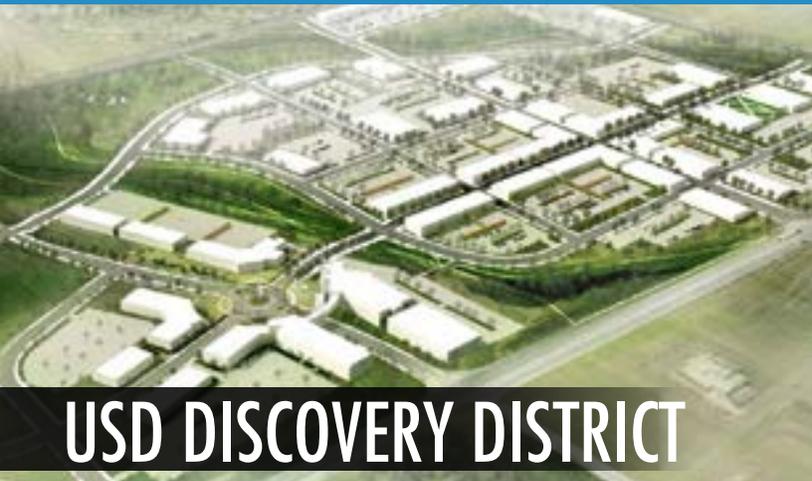


SOUTH DAKOTA BIOSCIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE



INNOVATION CAMPUS

Located on 125 acres, the Innovation Campus Research Park at South Dakota State University will provide more than one million square feet of first-class office space, laboratories, conference rooms and greenhouse space. The Research Park at SDSU aims to foster collaboration and partnerships between South Dakota State University, businesses, industries and government.



USD DISCOVERY DISTRICT

The University of South Dakota (USD) has recently finalized its master plan for the new USD Discovery District. The 80-acre research park, dubbed the "field of dreams," currently houses the University Center, where the six state universities deliver courses; the Graduate Education and Applied Research (GEAR) Center; and a Current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) facility to assist biotech businesses producing products for pre-clinical and clinical trials.

BioSNTR

The Biochemical Spatiotemporal NeTwork Resource (BioSNTR) is a state and federally funded research center that supports growth in human, plant and animal biotechnology. BioSNTR (pronounced bio-"center") is focused on bridging the gap between academia and industry, and creating a bioeconomy in South Dakota.



TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

In South Dakota, we have two major health and translational research systems – Avera Research Institute and Sanford Research – that are collectively conducting nearly 450 clinical trials within our borders. At Sanford, significant philanthropic gifts have paved the way for expanded research in Type 1 diabetes and breast cancer. Sanford is also home to Sanford Imagenetics, a first-of-its-kind program that integrates genomic medicine into primary care. The Avera Research Institute coordinates Phase II-IV clinical research studies, and Alumend, a division of Avera Research, has created a light-activated, chemical technology that has been developed into a clinical therapy to repair blood vessels in people who suffer peripheral arterial disease.

SOUTH DAKOTA BUSINESS CLIMATE

STRONG ECONOMY BALANCED BUDGET

In South Dakota, the economy is strong and is regularly ranked among the best in the nation. Additionally we have had a balanced budget each year since becoming a state.



FINANCING AVAILABLE

The Governor's Office of Economic Development offers bioscience companies a wide variety of financing programs, including the Proof of Concept fund, which provides investments to conduct research demonstrating the technical and economic feasibility of an innovation, as well as traditional loan programs for small businesses.



BUSINESS CLIMATE

In South Dakota, we believe in letting businesses keep the money they earn. That's why in South Dakota, you will find:

- No corporate income tax
- No personal income tax
- No personal property tax
- No business inventory tax
- No inheritance tax



For more information, contact Business Development Representative Alissa VanMeeteren at alissa.vanmeeteren@state.sd.us or 605-367-4301.



GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR

The Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) presented South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard with the 2014 Food and Agriculture Governor of the Year Award, in recognition of his leadership and commitment to strengthening the agricultural and livestock biotechnology industries in South Dakota.



EDUCATED WORKFORCE

In South Dakota, you will find an educated and ready workforce. In fact, when accounting for population, South Dakota produces the 6th highest concentration of graduates in bioscience degree-related programs. Our university system offers 25 bachelor, 14 master, and 24 PhD programs in bioscience-related fields.

REGULATORY CLIMATE

South Dakota boasts a reasonable and deliberate regulatory environment. When permitting, responses are quick, and government leaders are continually working to eliminate unnecessary and outdated laws that create additional red tape.