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Life Sciences Innovation Center

ENRICHING HEALTH RESEARCH



Those seeking new solutions to health problems can find the assistance, expertise and resources they need to succeed at the Life Sciences Innovation Center (LSIC) in Augusta. The center bridges the worlds of industry, academia, and federal and state agencies to collaboratively establish best practices and support research and development in the life sciences industry.

Strong, pioneering companies are growing through the sharing of ideas and resources in the center. A broad range of knowledge and resources are available to help address the issues facing Georgia's medical and scientific community today, and generate the forward-thinking industry leaders of tomorrow.

A joint program of the state of Georgia and the Life Sciences Business Development Center of the Medical College of Georgia, LSIC serves as an incubator for bio-businesses, providing wet labs, scientific equipment and mentoring, as well as opportunities for joint university and private applied research. Member companies also can get assistance with matching grants provided through the Georgia Research Alliance (GRA) and OneGeorgia Authority.



Public sector partners including the Georgia Department of Economic Development, and academic partners such as the Medical College of Georgia (MCG), the state's only public medical and dental school, are working with life science-based businesses to build on the state's leadership and success in the field. Along with MCG's two hospitals, area resources include eight other hospitals in the area, Augusta State University, Augusta Technical College, Fort Gordon and the Savannah River Site, a U.S. Department of Energy National Laboratory. Augusta-based bio-businesses include Pfizer, Monsanto, and Nutrasweet.

LSIC member companies also gain access to the LSIC's four sponsors: the Augusta Life Sciences Coalition, a new group of economic development organizations including the Georgia Medical Center Authority (GMCA), the Development Authority of Columbia County, the Development Authority of Richmond County, MCG and the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce, that focuses on building awareness of the business development opportunities offered in Augusta; United Kingdom Trade and Investment, the business development office of the British Consulate General's Office that takes an active role in business support efforts throughout the state of Georgia; Augusta-based Walton Rehabilitation Hospital, which specializes in assisting patients who require extensive rehabilitation; and Westinghouse Savannah River Company, which runs the Savannah River Site and manages nuclear safety and reclamation.



Current LSIC member companies include Apeliotus Technologies, an Atlanta-based development company that acquires new technologies through partnering with academic institutions and then aids in product development; Atlanta-based Atherogenics, a firm developing pharmaceuticals to treat chronic inflammatory diseases; Lexicor Medical Technologies, a company with operations in Augusta and Boulder, Colorado, that specializes in the diagnosis of brain disorders; Prime Behavior Testing Laboratories, an Augusta-based laboratory that evaluates the impact of drugs on memory and learning; and Augusta-based Xytex Corporation, which works on cryopreservation of cells and tissues and provides fertility-related services.

Georgia's Centers of Innovation program, launched by Governor Sonny Perdue in 2003, provides a portal to the statewide network of excellence in the areas of aerospace, agriculture, life sciences, manufacturing, information technology and maritime logistics. By leveraging Georgia's strategic industries, the state is creating new jobs, increasing investment and ensuring long-term economic opportunity.

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