

December 27, 2006

Mayor Mike Amyx
City of Lawrence
6 East 6th
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mayor Amyx:

The Lawrence-Douglas County Biosciences Authority, Inc. (LDCBA) was established to accelerate our community's interests in biosciences research and commercialization. In pursuit of this goal, during the past several months the LDCBA has been engaged in planning discussions pertinent to the future of local bioscience development and related activities. A key strategy which has emerged in this planning is the construction of wet lab space for start-up and emerging bioscience companies in Lawrence allowing them to be closely aligned, geographically and programmatically, with the University of Kansas. These discussions have resulted in recent negotiations with the Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA), our State counterpart, for the potential acquisition of space which, once converted, will provide important incubator facilities.

KBA was created in April 2004 when Governor Sebelius signed into law the Kansas Economic Growth Act (KEGA). The mission of KBA is to make Kansas the most desirable state in which to conduct, facilitate, support, fund and perform bioscience research, development and commercialization, to make Kansas a national leader in bioscience, to create new jobs, foster economic growth, advance scientific knowledge and improve the quality of life for the citizens of the state of Kansas.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to partner with KBA in offering a project that will move our community forward in attracting and retaining bioscience companies and to enhance related research capabilities. This project merges the interests of the State of Kansas, the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, the University of Kansas, Douglas County Development Inc, and the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce along with many other area organizations committed to bioscience advancement. It also combines state and local funds in a major cooperative initiative that will benefit not only local citizens, but all Kansans.

This project will provide functional, effective wet lab space for entrepreneurs and scientists and is a significant first step in achieving our goals. Our efforts towards attracting new companies to this area will be greatly enhanced with the addition of this lab space. We are enthused about the opportunities that this project presents for our community. We urge your approval and encouragement of this venture.

Very truly yours,


LaVerne Epp
President
LDCBA