The City of Lawrence and The University of Kansas have a long history of cooperation focused on their shared mutual interests in a strong and vibrant community. Outlined below are some of the coordinated programs and projects that reflect our “town-gown” relationship.

**City Manager’s Office - Economic Development**

The Bioscience and Technology Business Center (BTBC), on The University of Kansas West Campus in Lawrence, represents a unique partnership between local and state entities united to expand the economy by promoting bioscience and technology industries. The center combines three fundamental resources necessary to successfully grow start-up companies and collaborations:

- A modern state-of-the-art wet lab facility comprised of wet lab, dry lab, and office space, offering superior amenities,
- Access to University of Kansas resources and research expertise,
- Capital raising and consulting services from successful, experienced incubator staff.

The City and University also partner with the Lawrence-Douglas County Bioscience Authority to encourage growth of the bioscience sector in Lawrence and Douglas County. Carey Novak, Director of Business Relations and Development for the KU Center for Research, continues to be an excellent resource for the economic development community.

**City Manager’s Office**

The City Manager’s Office actively participates with the University of Kansas on a myriad of activities where partnership between the two entities is essential.

The City and University are working together to promote the Jayhawk Buddy System campaign. The campaign’s goal is to increase awareness among college students and result in more appropriate and responsible drinking. The City will participate by assisting with outreach resources through the Communications Office, Police Department and Planning and Development Services.

In 2010, the City of Lawrence and the University participated on the Census 2010 Complete Count Committee. The City of Lawrence, KU Athletics and University Relations coordinate the use of the downtown banners which help promote the University and KU Athletics. The city provided some cost sharing for hardware and installation of the KU Continuing Education Banners that were placed around Lawrence in the summer of 2010.

The City, KU Athletics, Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Lawrence, Inc., and the Lawrence Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, joined forces in the spring and fall of 2010 to hold events that promote KU Athletics’ events. A complimentary shuttle service for the KU Relays was provided by the City of Lawrence Transit System, as well as a complimentary shuttle service for the Spring Game in April 2010. This fall, two coordinated events are scheduled to celebrate the start of the football season and the annual tradition of Homecoming. Unfortunately, the September 2 pep rally was rained out, but the committee is working together to plan a fantastic October 21 Homecoming pep rally.
**City Manager’s Office - Transit**

In August 2009, the City of Lawrence Transit system and KU on Wheels launched the first coordinated route between the two transit systems. Over the course of the first year of cooperation, ridership on the T has increased by 19.9% from 2008 to 2009 and 974,125 fixed-route rides were provided through the coordinated system in 2009. A shared maintenance facility is under construction that will benefit both the City and University’s transit fleet. The coordinated transit system was recognized in September 2010 as “Transit System of the Year” by the Kansas Public Transit Association. Lawrence’s coordinated system also earned the Federal Transit Administration’s Ridership Award for 2009.

The City of Lawrence and University Transit staff are part of the KU-City Transit Planning Team which develops long-range goals for transit within the community.

The City of Lawrence has offered a downtown bus service for football game days for three years. In 2010, the service was changed from a shuttle service to an extension of the current Route 11. This allows existing fixed-route buses to be used instead of charter buses.

**Fire Medical Department**

The Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Department opened the new Fire Administration Building/Station #5 in 2006. The station sits at 19th and Stewart Avenue on land owned by the KU Endowment Association. The addition of Station #5 added greater efficiency in providing the community and the University with greater coverage and reduces overall emergency response times.

The University of Kansas Housing Department provided $50,000 toward the purchase a ladder truck that will be housed at Station #5. The new ladder truck is being built now and will replace the existing ladder truck in the City’s fleet. The close proximity of a ladder truck is beneficial to the University and can respond quickly if needed at one of the dormitories located just north of Station #5.

**Human Resources**

Multiple departments within the City have utilized the services of numerous University of Kansas interns. The City Auditor, City Manager’s Office, Utilities and Planning and Development Services are currently staffed with student interns.

Several current city staff members are graduates of the #1 nationally ranked Kansas University Masters of Public Administration program and actively support the MPA program’s internship program.
Information Systems

In March of 2010, the City applied for Google’s “Fiber to the Home” project. In an effort to highlight the many resources available in Lawrence, the City made contact with Keith Yehle, Director of Federal Relations at the University. Mr. Yehle was very gracious in his time and effort to help the City of Lawrence with our application. Google has not released information on the next phase of this project.

Police Department

For over 40 years, the Lawrence Police Department and KU Public Safety have worked closely on many issues. A formal inter-local agreement is in place between the City and University for support and aid during various types of events.

This spring, the Lawrence Police Department joined forces with the University of Kansas Public Safety Office, the Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office to address the use of fake identification by minors to purchase alcohol in Lawrence. A $20,000 grant was secured through the Kansas Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the New Traditions Coalition. Some of the funds were used for education and advertising, with the majority being spent on enforcement. Due to the success of the Fake ID 101 program during the spring semester, the program is being repeated during the fall semester.

Planning and Development Services

The City of Lawrence and University of Kansas recently renewed the Land Use Cooperation Agreement. The agreement is a set of mutual promises and covenants related to land use regulations and recognizes the impacts land use changes have on the surrounding community. The agreement was considered a landmark in Lawrence intergovernmental relations and pre-determined how land use issues are approached.

Parks and Recreation Department

The University of Kansas Rowing Team Boathouse in the City’s Burcham Park was opened in February 2009. The boathouse serves the KU Rowing Team as a state-of-the art training facility. The city's Parks and Recreation Department benefits through active use of the park. The KU Rowing Team recently offered an introductory class on rowing through Lawrence Parks and Recreation. The class emphasis was on developing cardiovascular health and toning of all major muscle groups. The clinic was held at the Boathouse.

The Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department provides summer employment for student athletes year-round through umpiring at various city sports leagues.

Lawrence Parks and Recreation assists in promoting KU Athletics programs such as baseball, softball and football. KU Marketing reciprocates in promoting special days for Parks and Recreation participants at baseball and softball games.
Police Department (continued)

In March 2008 the Lawrence Police Department coordinated with the University of Kansas, Lawrence Douglas County Fire and Medical, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, Eudora Police Department, and the Lawrence Public Schools for the purpose of county-wide coordination for the purchase and/or replacement of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). This project was organized with the intent to create county-wide standardization of equipment used by trained responders and to capitalize on volume discounts offered by equipment manufacturers.

The Lawrence Police Department has co-coordinated safety presentations regarding alcohol use and personal safety. These presentations have been given to specific groups such as fraternities and sororities as well the student body as a whole.

The Lawrence Police Department Investigations Division has coordinated with the University of Kansas Public Safety Office on numerous criminal investigations. In addition, Lawrence Police detectives have assisted in training newly promoted detectives employed by University of Kansas Public Safety Office, exposing them to a wider variety of cases and investigative resources.

Utility Department

The Utility Department annually provides tours to various University classes that focus on water resources and design. The staff and KU students have open dialogue and discussions regarding engineering applications, construction considerations and hydraulic features related to the water treatment plant and water distribution system.

The Utility Department hosts a half-day tour of the Clinton Water Treatment Plant and the Stoneridge Water Tank as part of the KU School of Engineering Survivor Engineering Camp.

Dr. Stephen Randtke and Dr. Edward Peltier bring civil engineering students to the wastewater treatment and water treatment plants for a tour each semester. Primary discussion points include the design and operation of these facilities including the chemical and biological aspects of treatment.

As part of their site-planning class, KU architectural students tour the water and wastewater facilities to understand the needs of water and wastewater infrastructure.

Research Collaboration:

Dr. Belinda Sturm is conducting research in producing algae in wastewater plant effluent for use as a fuel substitute. Her team is analyzing the affect that the algae has on the plant effluent as a treatment process to remove nutrients and other constituents.

Micro-biology students regularly contact the wastewater treatment facility to obtain samples of wastewater from varying plant processes for modeling and analyzing.