



## Agri-Business Innovations Alliance

### March 25, 2008

### Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** Jesse McCurry, Chris Trumble, Jim Mock, Gary Cramer, David McDonald, Alan Woodard, Susan Schoket, Diane Howard, Roger Kepley

#### Purposes of the Day:

- Review meeting notes from February 12, 2008
- Presentation by Dr. David McDonald
- Participate in Question & Answer Session
- Visioneering Update
- Next meeting dates

#### Presentation: Dr. J. David McDonald, Associate Provost for Research, WSU

Our region stands to benefit from a statewide bio-science initiative. Dr. McDonald's presentation can be found at the following link:

<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/agra/Biomaterials%20Center%20of%20Innovation%20presentation%20to%20Agribusiness%20Alliance%20on%203-25-08.pdf>

#### Questions/Answers

- What is the deadline for the decision as to where the Bio Center will be located?
  - Deadline is July for full grant to Kansas BioScience Authority
  - Site needs to be included in the full grant.
  - Competition is KU.
- What are the advantages to KU?
  - We can't see any value because we have to work with manufacturing.
  - KU's argument – deeper in basic research (we need them).
  - Know how to handle larger institutes.
- What will be the economic impact to the area?
  - Can't predict this as yet.
  - Needs great detail for next phase of grant.
  - Jobs will be protected by diversifying.
- What composite companies are located in the Kansas City area?
  - Not the numbers that are located in the Wichita MSA.
- What are space needs?
  - We will use existing space (NIAR & ORI) until there is a need for a larger space.
- What can Agri-business Alliance contribute to support?
  - Send letter to Tom Thornton at KBA authority and to the South Central Legislative Coalition.

- Include our Agri-business perspectives for the opportunity to build over time.
- Interest in finding other components for composites from agri-based products.
- We can put an agri-business spin with out proposed center.

<b>Next Meeting Dates:</b>
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- Leadership Team: April 1, 2008 @ 3:30 p.m.
- Alliance: April 22, 2008 @ 11:30 a.m.