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NEWS**[New Missouri Bio Park Opens](#)**

The new BioResearch and Development Growth (BRDG) Park at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center Plant opened the first of three buildings June 16. BRDG Park has been developed for plant and life sciences and clean-tech companies from the incubation stage to post-incubation stage. Located on the campus of the Danforth Plant Science Center, the world's largest plant science research institute, the first building is an 110,000 square-foot, four-story facility featuring state-of-the-art wet labs and office space. Already more than 60 percent leased, the building's tenants include Divergence, St. Louis Community College Center for Plant and Life Sciences, Nidus Center for Scientific Enterprise, Monsanto, and Phycal LLC. BRDG-Park.com

[South Bend Promotes Research Park](#)

The City of South Bend has launched a new web site to promote Indiana's first two-site, state-certified technology park. Ignition Park is one of the two locations in that city to make up Indiana's first two-site State-Certified Technology Park, which was forged through the City of South Bend's partnership with Notre Dame, Project Future - a local economic development group - and the state of Indiana. The other is Innovation Park at the University of Notre Dame. The site offers video, information on financial and tax incentives and updates on project progress. Ignition Park occupies 80 acres that were the former site of Studebaker Automotive. IgnitionPark.com

[Danforth Center Sprouts Bio Company](#)

The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center is spinning off its first company, Agrius BioForms LLC. The firm, a joint venture between the nonprofit Danforth Center and privately held GeoSynFuels LLC of Golden, Colo., will commercialize a process that produces enzymes used to make biofuels. The process was developed here over the past few years by scientists Eliot Herman and Monica Schmidt. Their work focused on how to make soybeans develop the kinds of proteins useful as enzymes that break down wood chips, grasses, corn husks and other non-edible plant matter into cellulosic biofuels such as ethanol. [St. Louis Business Journal](#)

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Business Week on Research Parks

In case you missed it, **Business Week** issued a special report on **Research Parks** by Pete Engardio on June 1, 2009. [Read it here.](#)

New York Times on BioTech

A recent **New York Times** story concentrates on the competition among state and local government groups to lure biotechnology research activities despite the uncertain nature of research investments. [Read it here.](#)

FROM OUR MEMBERS

Science Center Welcomes Three New Co's

Three new companies have joined the Greater Philadelphia region's life sciences cluster as they take up residence within facilities of Philadelphia's Science Center. The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) and the GADORE Center USA have established U.S. offices there. They are the newest participants in the Science Center's Global Soft Landing program, joining companies from France, Spain, Belgium and Singapore. Additionally, The National Center for Patient Interactive Research (CPIR) has begun operations at the University City Science Center's Port business incubator in Philadelphia. The Science Center's Global Soft Landing program fosters international business in the U.S. by helping global companies establish a foothold in local life sciences and information technology markets. ScienceCenter.org

Madison Park Adds EXACT Sciences

EXACT Sciences Corp. plans to move from the Boston area to The University of Wisconsin Madison's University Research Park. The publicly traded company (NASDAQ: EXAS) is developing a noninvasive DNA test to screen for colon cancer. The test can be administered at home and then sent to a lab. The at-home test hasn't begun clinical trials, so it would take at least a few years to bring the product to market. [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#)

UW R+T Welcomes RIM

Research In Motion, most-widely known for developing the Blackberry smartphone, has moved into the InnoTECH building of the UW Research + Technology Park, associated with the University of Waterloo (Ontario, Canada). The 350 RIM employees at the park will occupy the majority of the 103,000 square-foot building. UWRTPark.uwaterloo.ca

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