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Dec. 16, 2009 - Mark Gorski (left), business development officer for BRDG Park at the Danforth Plant Science Center takes Mo. Gov. Jay Nixon on a tour of the facility, prior to Nixon's announcement of a bill to promote the growth of the state's high-tech industry. (KMOX/Brett Blume)

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Gov. Nixon says new measure would enhance MO's status as high-tech leader

Brett Blume Reporting

ST. LOUIS (KMOX) -- Gov. Jay Nixon plans has outlined his plan to create funding aimed at attracting and keeping high-tech scientific and research jobs in Missouri.

Nixon discussed the plan Wednesday at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center's BRDG Park facility in St. Louis.

Nixon called the Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA) a "major component" of his economic development plan for the 2010 legislative session.

The plan would divert an annual portion of the new tax revenues generated by biotechnology companies to a special state fund, from which incentives could be doled out to new or expanding entrepreneurs in the same field.

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