

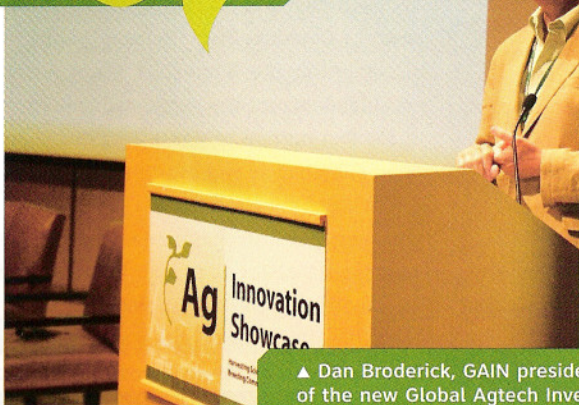
## BRDG PARK PROMOTES WORLDWIDE NETWORKING FOR AGRICULTURE ENTREPRENEURS



BioResearch & Development Growth (BRDG) Park at the Danforth Plant Science Center has established the Global Agtech Investors Network (GAIN), an innovative non-profit membership-supported resource that fosters entrepreneurship in the emerging agtech marketplace worldwide. The new collaboration was announced at the second annual Ag Innovation Showcase in St. Louis, a leading global event for agriculture industry leaders, venture capitalists and entrepreneurs, sponsored by BRDG Park and other partners.

Based at BRDG, the network will also facilitate capital formation, foster entrepreneurship innovation and relationships, collect and distribute key data, and expose new technologies in the worldwide marketplace.

"Before GAIN, innovative agtech companies found it difficult to find sources of financing to support the growth of their company," stated Dan Broderick, president and founder of GAIN. "In addition, venture capital firms found deal syndication difficult.



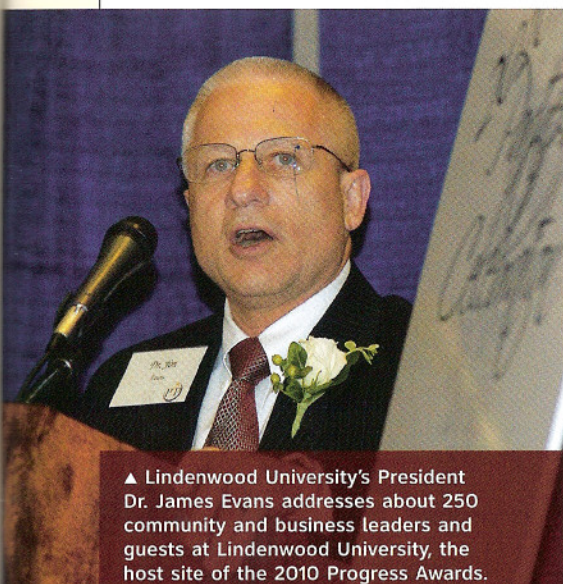
▲ Dan Broderick, GAIN president and CEO, announces the launch of the new Global Agtech Investors Network (GAIN) at the 2010 Ag Innovation Showcase at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center.

"GAIN hopes to create a more efficient capital formation market. GAIN is building on and expanding St. Louis' leadership position in agriculture to become the 'go to' organization for resources and information on innovation in the plant science and agriculture industry."

Founding sponsors include BRDG Park/Wexford Science+Technology and the St. Louis County Economic Council. Initial members include Novus International, Monsanto,

RCGA, Divergence, Prolog Ventures, MidPoint Ventures, Finistere Ventures, Southwest Michigan First and Nidus.

Membership is available internationally to agriculture-focused venture capital funds, corporations, institutions, government agencies and service providers. They will meet three times a year to network, review and discuss financing opportunities and to track industry trends and regulations.



▲ Lindenwood University's President Dr. James Evans addresses about 250 community and business leaders and guests at Lindenwood University, the host site of the 2010 Progress Awards.

## PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS OF GREATER ST. CHARLES NAMES 2010 PROGRESS AWARD WINNERS

"The Partners for Progress of Greater St. Charles are once again pleased to recognize leading businesses, organizations, governments, and individuals who are advancing measurable progress in St. Charles County and beyond," stated Greg Prestemon, president of the organization.

The city of Lake Saint Louis won the 2010 Health Progress Award for taking a leadership role by enacting St. Charles County's first city-wide smoking ban in public places.

The Orchard Farm School District received the 2010 Education Progress Award for expanding its involvement in the METS (math, engineering, technology and science) program by launching a student robotics team and implementing Project Lead the Way.

The cities of Cottleville and Dardenne Prairie received the 2010 Environment Progress Award for setting a local "green"

example by developing sustainable, LEED-certified city halls.

The Missouri Department of Transportation received the 2010 Infrastructure Progress Award for completing the reconstruction of I-64 and Highway 40 in St. Charles County and metro St. Louis.

Novus International won the 2010 Economy Progress Award for growing their global headquarters and high-tech jobs in St. Charles County and for achieving Platinum LEED certification for their new facility at the Missouri Research Park.

Founded in 2001, the Partners for Progress of Greater St. Charles is a group of major employers, influential business owners and civic leaders whose continuing goal is to make Greater St. Charles a nationally renowned and most livable community.

The Partners for Progress of Greater St. Charles announced the winners of the 2010 Progress Awards at its annual banquet at Lindenwood University's Spellmann Center in St. Charles.