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Divergence, Metro Medical win governor's awards

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Several St. Louis businesses were honored recently at the 2009 **Governor's Conference on Economic Development in St. Louis.**

Biotech company **Divergence Inc.,** led by Chief Executive Derek Rapp, won the Governor's Technology Company of the Year Award from Gov. Jay Nixon.

Divergence works on products for the control of parasites in agriculture and medicine and is located at **Bio-Research & Development Growth Park** on the campus of the **Donald Danforth Plant Science Center.**

Metro Medical Equipment & Supply Inc. received the Governor's Minority Business Award.

Boeing Co., led locally by Dennis Muilenburg, and **St. Louis Community College,** led by Chancellor Zelema Harris, received the Director's Innovative Industry Training Award for their Pre-Employment Training Project.

The conference, which was held last month at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront, is **administered** every year by the Missouri Department of Economic Development to bring together the state's economic leaders to explore the latest trends, programs and education in economic development.

A **national economic conference** is taking place this week at the same hotel.



Derek Rapp

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