



FACT SHEET

BioResearch & Development Growth (BRDG) Park at the Danforth Plant Science Center

www.BRDG-Park.com

BioResearch & Development Growth Park (BRDG Park, “bridge”) helps life science company tenants bridge research, resources and relationships to achieve commercial success as they drive innovation in agricultural and other technologies in ag-bio, food and nutrition, biofuels, animal health, sustainable materials and clean-tech.

Located in St. Louis County, Missouri, on the campus of the Danforth Plant Science Center (www.danforthcenter.org), the world’s largest independent plant science research institute, BRDG Park builds on the remarkable success of the Danforth Center to provide great opportunities for emerging plant and life science companies in the heartland of American agriculture and an internationally-renowned focus of medical excellence.

Building I, opened in June 2009, is a LEED Gold facility featuring world-class wet- and dry-laboratories, office space and on-site workforce development and training. BRDG Park, which ultimately will include three buildings and 450,000 sq. ft., is being developed by Wexford Science+Technology LLC, a privately held real estate developer and investment company specializing in major university facilities and life science research parks in major markets.

KEY ATTRIBUTES

- Building I is a four-story, 110,000 sq. ft. facility for lease to plant and life science companies
- Proximity, access and collaboration with the intellectual capital of top scientists
- Technologically advanced greenhouse and growth chambers, and state-of-the-art microscopy and proteomics facilities and other vital resources at the Danforth Plant Science Center
- On-site investment networks for emerging scientific companies, including Global Agtech Investment Network (GAIN) and Nidus Partnership
- In-house workforce development and training through St. Louis Community College Center for Plant and Life Sciences – one of the only research parks nationwide with on-site program
- Access to fully-equipped auditorium, as well as cafeteria and commons for meetings, gatherings and networking events

LOCATION ADVANTAGES

- Located at the national and international center for plant and life sciences research, with nearly 400 plant and life science companies and more plant science Ph.D.s than anywhere in the world
- Connected to renowned biofuels research at Enterprise Rent-A-Car Institute for Renewable Fuels at the Danforth Plant Science Center
- Across the street from Monsanto world headquarters and close to major scientific companies such as Sigma-Aldrich, Bunge North America, Novus, Solae and Covidien
- Close to major agricultural organizations including American Soybean Association, National Corn Growers Association and World Agricultural Forum
- Near to dynamic scientific research centers such as Washington University, St. Louis University and Missouri Botanical Garden

BUILDING I TENANTS (as of March 2011)

- **Divergence.** A leader in developing products for the control of parasites in agriculture, the company's research breakthroughs show strong promise of developing safe, effective solutions for farmers to combat parasites that reduce the yields of many crops. Acquired by Monsanto early in 2011, Divergence continues to be based at BRDG Park, where it was one of the original tenants when Building I opened in summer 2009. www.divergence.com
- **St. Louis Community College Center for Plant and Life Sciences.** An on-site bio-technician training program, recognized for excellence by the Missouri Biotechnology Organization (MOBIO), creates unlimited and innovative opportunities for collaborations between academia and industry. www.stlcc.edu
- **Monsanto.** A leading global provider of technology-based solutions and agricultural products that improve farm productivity and food quality, Monsanto's products enable farmers, both smallholder and large-scale, to produce more food, to conserve resources like soil and water, and to improve lives. www.monsanto.com
- **Novus International, Inc.** Novus Nutrition Brands, LLC, a subsidiary of Novus International, Inc., includes Stratum Nutrition, which focuses on human nutrition through branded specialty and functional ingredients for foods, beverages, and dietary supplements, and Arenus, which produces multifunctional health and supplement products for horses and dogs that are part of the equine and companion animal communities. www.novusint.com
- **Phycal LLC.** An algae biotechnology laboratory that is developing and commercializing systems for growing algae and harvesting commercially viable energy products from the biomass: primarily algal oil (also called lipids) and methane gas. The lipids can be converted into biodiesel or refined into drop-in replacements for diesel, jet fuel, gasoline, and plastic feedstock. www.phycal.com
- **GAIN.** Global Agtech Investors Network (GAIN) is a non-profit membership organization formed to strengthen and facilitate capital formation efforts of investors and agtech companies, expose industry to innovative technologies, and serve as a central repository for innovation information. International members include venture capital funds, corporations, institutions, associations, government agencies and service providers. www.aginvestors.com

- **Nidus Investment Partners.** A unique partnership aligned with regional business interests to attract and grow early-stage technology-based companies, Nidus leverages both risk capital and entrepreneurial talent to help meet market needs of potential buyers by providing the funding, experience and market input necessary to improve prospects for near-term return on investment and reduce exit risk. www.niduspartners.com
- **Global Patent Group, LLC.** An intellectual property law firm dedicated to the plant & life sciences and clean energy industries, offering clients a full staff of attorneys, patent agents, MBA and Ph.D. consultants with real-world experience managing U.S. and international intellectual property matters and in bringing innovative new products to market. www.globalpatentgroup.com.
- **Allied Blending & Ingredients, Inc.,** a multi-dimensional manufacturer of a wide range of value-added food blends and ingredients sold to food companies worldwide, is establishing (May 2011) a lab at BRDG Park for product development research and testing on formulations for processed cheese, which includes ingredients with plant based product components. In addition to its lab at BRDG Park, Allied Blending has a research lab for its tortilla blends and concentrates division in Los Angeles, CA, bakery research in Keokuk, IA and manufacturing facilities in three states including Keokuk headquarters. www.alliedblending.com
- HighQuest Partners, a strategic advisory and management consulting services firm with offices in Boston and St. Louis, works with leadership teams in the global food, agribusiness and renewable energy sectors to make informed decisions regarding strategy, investments/mergers and acquisitions, and governance. The company, established in 2000, has completed more than 275 assignments for leading strategic players and financial investors in the major food, grain, and oilseed production, processing and consumptions markets worldwide. www.highquestpartners.com
- **Golden Soy LLC.** A commercial start-up that has emerged from the St. Louis region's focus on developing new scientific ventures in plant and life sciences. Research at Golden Soy LLC focuses on developing new immune-based pharmaceuticals from plant derived components to combat infectious, autoimmune diseases and cancer. www.goldensoy.com

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Keystone Award for Sustainable Construction, *Associated General Contractors, 2010*
- Gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), *U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), 2010*
- Dr. William D. Phillips Technology Award, *St. Louis County Economic Council, for promoting business growth and creating high-tech, high-growth jobs, 2009*
- Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award, *East-West Gateway Council of Governments, 2008*

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The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center is a not-for-profit research institute with a mission to improve the human condition through plant science. Scientists at the Danforth Center are engaged in research which will contribute to feeding the hungry, improving human health, preserving and renewing the environment, and enhancing the St. Louis region and the State of Missouri as world centers for plant science. www.danforthcenter.org

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