

## HighQuest Partners moving to BRDG Park

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HighQuest Partners, a strategic advisory and management consulting firm, plans to move its St. Louis office in mid-April from Clayton Road in Ladue to Building I at BioResearch and Development Growth Park (BRDG Park) at the **Donald Danforth Plant Science Center**.

HighQuest Partners also has an office in Boston, and its **Soyatech** LLC unit has offices in Bar Harbor, Maine.

HighQuest, which was established in 2000, advises global food, agribusiness and renewable energy companies regarding strategy, investments, mergers and acquisitions, and governance.

**Philippe de Lapérouse**, director of HighQuest Partners' global food and agribusiness practice in St. Louis, and one other staff member will make the move. He called it "strategically advantageous" for HighQuest to be located at BRDG Park as a center for plant and life science research and commercialization of new technologies.

"Most of our business is outside St. Louis, but with the move to BRDG Park, we're hoping to connect with the companies that are there, or relocating there," he said. "We're hoping it will give us added exposure."

BRDG Park's on-site professional services now include a life-science intellectual property law firm and two organizations that connect scientific enterprises to financing. **Sam Fiorello**, president of BRDG Park, said the facility now offers a "critical mass of specialized resources" not available anywhere else in the region.

Building I at BRDG Park opened in June 2009. BRDG Park, being developed by Wexford Science+Technology LLC, is planned to include three buildings and 450,000 square feet.

Last week, Allied Blending & Ingredients Inc., a Keokuk, Iowa-based food blends and ingredients manufacturer, announced plans to [open a research lab](#) at BRDG Park.



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