

Regional Economic Initiatives

Center for Economic Inclusion
GREATER MSP

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Welcome



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Regional Economic Framework Strategic Priorities

Regional
Brand &
Image

Racial
Inclusion

Workforce &
Skills

Job Growth

Talent
Migration and
Retention

Startups and
Innovation

New Climate
Economy

Transportation
& Mobility

Affordability

Partnership Roles

Center for Economic Inclusion

- Inclusive economic competitiveness lead
- Equips public and private sector organizations to address racism and close racial wealth gaps
- Amplifies BIPOC data and voices & integrates Framework into multi-sector strategies

GMSP

- Economic development lead
- Convenes cross-sector economic competitiveness teams
- Leads regional economic initiatives
- Industry, workforce, and talent research
- Maintains connection between Framework and Regional Economic Development Strategy

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- Regional planning lead
- Convenes regional government and agency dialogues
- Place-based economic competitiveness and equity research
- Integrates Framework into regional plans, policies, and programming
- Supports local government

ALL

- Ongoing collaboration and accountability
- Co-convene shared dialogues
- Promote integration & implementation
- Joint letters of support
- Technical assistance

EDA American Rescue Plan Programs

- **Build Back Better Regional Challenge**
- Good Jobs Challenge
- Economic Adjustment Assistance
- Indigenous Communities
- Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation
- Statewide Planning, Research and Networks
- Coal Communities



BioInnovation Cluster Potential

- Health and agriculture dominance
- Advanced cell and gene therapy
- Biomanufacturing technologies
- Large existing + small emerging firms

BioInnovation Cluster Vision

“We will create an economic ecosystem where knowledge access, opportunities, and outcomes overcome history disparities and uneven COVID recovery to holistically develop talent, new ventures, and our economy to build wealth and job creation for our underrepresented populations.”

BioInnovation Cluster Strengths

- Place-Based & Regionally Accessible
- Dynamic Education & Training
- Firm Creation Capability

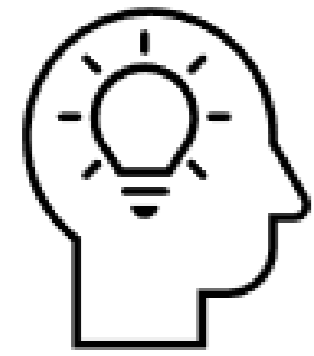
BioInnovation Equity

- Access to spaces and programs
- Recruitment, hiring, and support for BIPOC professionals
- Shared accountability mechanisms to drive equity-related outcomes

BioInnovation Partners

- GREATER MSP – Lead
- CEI – Racial equity / accountability
- MBOLD
- Industry
- Job training
- Community
- Government

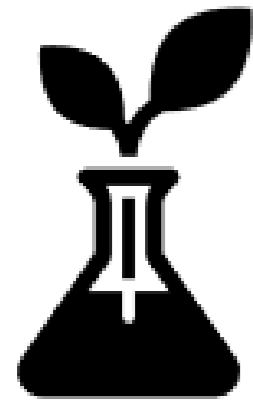
BioInnovation Projects



**University of Minnesota Foundation
Innovation & Acceleration Building**
Construction



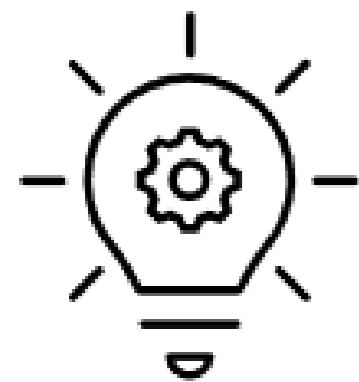
**Bio Talent Pipeline Development
Partnership**
Training & Workforce Development



University Enterprise Labs Expansion
Construction



**Higher Education Bio Curricula
Alignment & Development**
Education & Workforce Development



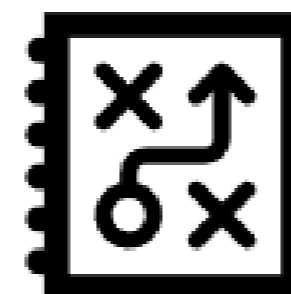
Fairview Bio Innovation Hub
Construction



**Agriculture Innovation Scaling & Market
Development**
Tech Commercialization & Market Development



Bio Maker Space & Training Center
Construction



Bold North Center for BioInnovation
Strategy Development

Next

- Further thoughts and sharing from partners
- Feedback and questions
- What next if we're selected?
- What if we're not selected?
- Ideas for informing future regional policy, programs, and technical assistance