



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

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Dear Select College President,

The purpose of BioNetwork grant awards is to strengthen biotechnology-related community college education and training infrastructure that support life science industries throughout North Carolina. As of the 2007-2008 grant cycle, community colleges received 165 non-center grants totaling \$11,778,253 since BioNetwork's inception in 2004.

A key element of the BioNetwork initiative is sharing and collaboration within the NC Community College System (NCCCS). All products developed with BioNetwork funding must be shared across the System. In addition to utilizing the local college websites and submitting all products to be posted on the secure BioNetwork website, it is expected that all award recipients will present their results or attend to learn about new education and training trends at a BioNetwork BioForum. BioNetwork understands that classes and student needs take precedence over BioForum. In such cases, it is recommended that a representative of the recipient college attend the event. The 2008 BioForum will be held at Forsyth Technical Community College in Winston-Salem on April 8-10. An agenda and registration information are available on the BioNetwork website (www.ncbionetwork.org).

Additionally, continuing education administrators and curriculum program heads with colleges in service regions with life science industries are encouraged to attend BioForum, particularly the *director's session* that provides opportunity for the colleges to express their specific life science equipment and innovation training needs.

The NCCCS BioNetwork System Office thanks you for your support of the biotechnology and life science education and training initiative.

Best regards,

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BioNetwork Director

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