

## NCBIO December Update

### NCBIO This Month

- North Carolina Seeks National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility
- Emerging Companies
- BIO, NCBIO Co-Host Meeting on Agricultural Biotechnology
- NCBIO BMF Focuses on Best Practices
- Medical Device Panel Focuses on Reimbursement
- Annual Seminar On Transportation of Diagnostic and Infectious Materials
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- NC Biotech Leaders Serve on SEBIO Board
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### North Carolina Seeks National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility

A proposal to bring the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) to North Carolina has advanced to the second the phase of the Department's site selection process. The state is one of 14 areas under consideration. NBAF is a state-of-the-art biological and agricultural research facility designed to protect the country's food supply and public health. Scientists working at this facility will study diseases affecting humans and animals and will develop tests

and vaccines that are important to public health.

A North Carolina consortium composed of more than 30 public and private entities (universities, government agencies, agricultural stakeholders, nonprofit organizations and private sector) proposed locating the NBAF on a large tract of government-owned land near Butner. The facility could bring more than 1,000 construction jobs and 250 to 500 scientific, technical and administrative jobs. Economic impact to North Carolina could be \$1.65 billion during the first 20 years of its projected 50-year life span according an analysis by the NC Department of Commerce.

For more information go to, [www.ncc-nbaf.org](http://www.ncc-nbaf.org).

### Emerging Companies

### Murdock, UNC Sign Agreement for North Carolina Research Campus



**David Murdock**

UNC System President Erskine Bowles and billionaire developer David Murdock have signed a 27-page memorandum of understanding (MOU) governing future development of the new North Carolina Research Campus at Kannapolis. Under the agreement, UNC will enter into 20-year leases for two new research facilities at the Campus. The System will pay rent of approximately \$5 million annually, plus actual operating costs of the facilities. Castle and Cooke will donate the facilities to the State when the leases end. UNC will retain sole rights to intellectual property developed by university researchers on the Campus.

The agreement also provides that Murdock will build a new 99,000 square-foot Core Laboratory Facility to serve researchers on the Campus. Users of the Lab will pay usage fees set by a non-profit governing Board. Murdock also agrees to invest at least \$100 million in venture funding in start companies located in or near the NCRC, or that commercialize technologies developed there.

Pursuant to the MOU, UNC will ultimately request approximately \$29 million in annual state appropriations to fund its activities at the NCRC.