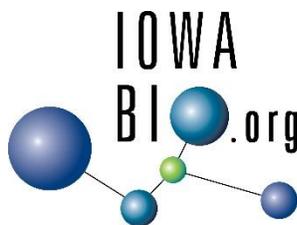


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IOWABIO, CULTIVATION CORRIDOR OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2019 IOWA BIOTECH LEADER AWARD

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 25, 2019 – Iowa Biotechnology Association (IowaBio) and Cultivation Corridor announced they are now accepting nominations for this year's Iowa Biotech Leader Award that will be presented at IowaBio's Partnering for Growth conference on April 30.

The award will be presented to an individual who, in the past year, has demonstrated the following traits and commitment to advancing Iowa's biotech industry:

Leadership – The individual has a leading role in their organization and within the industry.

Innovation – The individual has consistently demonstrated an ability to bring innovative biotechnology products and/or services to the marketplace.

Advocacy – The individual works effectively with other business and public policy leaders to promote and advance the biotech industry in Iowa.

This is the fourth year IowaBio and Cultivation Corridor have collaborated to name the Iowa Biotech Leader Award recipient. The recipient is determined by a committee of individuals with roles in Iowa's biotechnology industry. **Nominations will be accepted from Monday, Feb. 25 to Friday, March 15 at www.iowabio.org/biotechleader**

IowaBio's Partnering for Growth conference brings innovators, investors and biotech leaders together for a day and a half. The event features a series of keynote presentations from industry leaders, a pitching competition for emerging biotech companies, breakout panel sessions and networking activities aimed at sharing best practices and opportunities for collaboration within the industry.

The event will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30 and 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1 at the FFA Enrichment Center located on the DMACC Campus in Ankeny 1055 SW. Prairie Trail Parkway. Interested participants may register www.iowabio.org/pfgregister

About IowaBio

Since 1994, Iowa Biotechnology Association has provided benefits and services to promote the interests and growth of the life sciences industries in Iowa. It is a non-profit, membership-based organization that represents industry companies, universities and colleges, state and federal associations, and support companies. IowaBio seeks to promote biotech-based business in Iowa and increase its influence nationally and around the globe. For more information, visit www.iowabio.org

About Cultivation Corridor

Focused on further developing and marketing the world-renowned bioeconomy in Iowa, America's Cultivation Corridor is building on a rich history of innovation to accelerate value-added agriculture business development by attracting companies, talent and capital from across the globe to the state. Representing a diverse public-private coalition of stakeholders, Cultivation Corridor is one of the nation's foremost cluster-based economic development organizations. For more information, visit CultivationCorridor.org.

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