

PROJECT UPDATE:
University-Industry Demonstration Partnership

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Update since February 2009:

Phase I Update: The original 3-year MOU, establishing Phase I of the UIDP, expires on June 30, 2009. The Board devised a plan that supports extending the original MOU for one year through June 2010 with regular annual membership held at the original \$4000 level. A letter was sent to all UIDP member representatives asking for their consideration in support of this recommendation. Responses thus far have been overwhelmingly favorable.

In support of this recommendation, the current and active Founding Circle members have committed (or already provided) funding at the newly created Leadership Circle Level (a minimum of \$20,000 for one year) to continue operations through this one-year extension of the UIDP Phase I.

New Members: The UIDP welcomes two new members to the Partnership – The University of Rochester represented by Scott Steele and University of Alaska-Fairbanks represented by Diane McLean.

Spring 2009 Meeting Re-cap: The Eighth Meeting of the University-Industry Demonstration Partnership, *Strategies for Bolstering University-Industry Research Collaborations*, was held in April in Irvine, CA. Despite current economic conditions, close to 100 participants attended the three-day meeting. The second Negotiations Agreement Workshop was held immediately following the UIDP meeting, and the topics covered were Engineering and Clinical Trials agreements.

Summer 2009 Meeting: The Ninth Meeting of the University-Industry Demonstration Partnership, *Regulatory and Governmental Policies Affecting University-Industry Collaborations*, will be held this summer in St. Louis, August 3-5, 2009. Monsanto has kindly agreed to host the event. Several universities and companies from the St. Louis area are working collaboratively with Monsanto to provide an exciting agenda. The third Negotiations Agreement Workshop (topics - Agriculture and IT) will take place after the UIDP meeting.

Turbo Negotiator: The pilot version of TurboNegotiator, the software tool developed by the UIDP to facilitate industry sponsored research agreement negotiations with universities, was released to the UIDP membership in February 2009. It is located at <http://turbo.sitesetup.net/> and access may be requested through the site or by email to beta@turbonegotiator.org. Demonstration previews have been conducted for over 30 member organizations and may be requested through the same email address.

Three high profile presentations of TurboNegotiator are scheduled for May at the FDP Meeting, May 14 - 15, in Newport Beach, CA; at the BIO International Convention on May 20, in Atlanta, GA; and as a webinar demonstration for the Industrial Research Institute's External Technology Network on May 29 at Noon, EDT.