

R024-C: Growing the Bioscience Industry in North Dakota
Submitted by Bioscience Association of ND (BioND)
Principal Investigator: Bruce Gjovig
Request for \$60,000; Total Project Costs \$120,000

Technical Advisor Comments

- Both reviewers recommended fund.
- The 50% match comes from the applicant (\$33,000 – cash, \$27,000 – in-kind).
- Both reviewers felt that the objectives were achievable. One reviewer commented, “A focused effort among stakeholders in the biomass/biomaterial industry should yield relatively easily achievable results due to downturn in commodity prices for common field crops. Grower groups, in particular, will welcome the opportunity to develop new markets.”
- Both reviewers felt that the methodology was appropriate.
- Both reviewers felt that the budget was appropriate.

Technical Advisor Recommendations

Fund. The Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency has received requests for networking opportunities in this emerging industry and a cohesive “voice” for the last two years. Clearly, there is a need for this type of organization in the state. For a small amount of funds, the Renewable Energy Program has the opportunity to help provide the education necessary to meet this need. The recent value-added study shows potential in North Dakota. This project, if successful, could serve as a much needed springboard.

Suggested Contingencies If Funded

- None.