



Organic Probiotic Technology for a Sustainable Future

Gov. Nixon honors Missouri businesses, education and economic development leaders at 2013 Governor's Conference on Economic Development

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KANSAS CITY – Gov. Jay Nixon recognized outstanding leaders in business, education and economic development at the 2013 Governor's Conference on Economic Development in Kansas City, September 5-6.

Maria Meyers, **Kansas City**, was presented with the Missouri Women's Council Award of Distinction for her work to create opportunities for Missouri women entrepreneurs for the past two decades. Meyers is the Director of the UMKC's Innovation Center and founder of KCSOURCELINK, a resource network that connects aspiring, emerging and established small businesses, including women and minority businesses, to business-building resources and organizations.

Sigma-Aldrich Corporation, **St. Louis**, received the Governor's Innovative Industry Training Award, which recognizes a company that demonstrates outstanding success in workforce training. The company engages in the development, manufacturing, and distribution of biochemicals and organic chemicals worldwide. Sigma-Aldrich partnered with the Workforce and Community Development Division of St. Louis Community College to provide ongoing training and customized solutions for the company's St. Louis area facilities, which has fostered a work environment of continuous improvement to develop new tools to drive advancements in service, quality, and safety.

Jim Anderson, Springfield Chamber of Commerce, **Springfield**, was the recipient of the Governor's Career Service in Economic Development Award for nurturing community partnerships, developing strategic assets, and growing economic development to ensure individuals in the communities served have opportunities to succeed. From revitalizing downtown Springfield to developing industrial parks, Anderson has fostered strong business growth in southern Missouri, resulting in the creation of thousands of jobs over his long and illustrious career. Anderson's work on Governor Nixon's Strategic Initiative for Economic Growth was critical in the development of Missouri's newest economic development tool, Missouri Works, a streamlined and comprehensive incentive program to encourage investment and job creation.

The Governor's Community Development and Redevelopment Award was presented to the Missouri State University's eFactory, Springfield, for helping to revitalize downtown **Springfield** while creating important business development infrastructure through a technology-focused business incubator and business development center housed with the Robert W. Plaster Center for Free Enterprise and Business Development.

SCD Probiotics, Kansas City, was the recipient of the Governor's Exporter of the Year Award for its outstanding export performance. SCD Probiotics, a life science company engaged in the research, development, and manufacturing of natural probiotic products, experienced a steady increase in export sales with exports consistently accounting for more than 70 percent of the company's sales.

The Governor's Minority or Woman-Owned Small Business Award



was presented to the Antella Consulting Engineers, Inc., **Kansas City**.

The company provides high-quality electrical, lighting, mechanical and plumbing services and has worked with clients such as the

Kansas City Public School District, the University of Missouri-Columbia, the City of Kansas City, Mo, and UMB. Antella is involved in many charitable campaigns, including donating services and financial support to causes such as the Children's Miracle Network, Harvesters, KC Care Clinic, Dos Mundos Hispanic newspaper, and the Central Exchange.

Dr. Chad Stiening, **St. Louis**, was presented the Governor's Entrepreneur of the Year Award for demonstrating significant leadership in launching a new business, Kypha, and developing leading-edge technology and clinically useful products to improve the way autoimmune and inflammatory disorders are monitored and treated. Since 2011, Kypha has leveraged federal grants and raised more than \$3 million in private capital to advance its products toward Food and Drug Administration (FDA) clearance and commercial product launch anticipated in early 2014.

The 2013 Governor's Economic Development Advancement Award was presented to Dr. Charles Ambrose, University of Central Missouri (UCM), **Warrensburg**, for his leadership in the creation and implementation of the Missouri Innovation Campus, a transformative collaboration between UCM, Lee's Summit R-VII School District, Metropolitan Community College, and a number of leading Missouri employers. The Missouri Innovation Campus allows high school juniors to complete a bachelor's degree with little or no college debt, while also taking advantage of applied learning opportunities in high-tech industries. Last year, Gov. Nixon launched an initiative to take this innovative model statewide, awarding \$9 million in grants to develop Innovation Campuses across the state. Just this summer, the Missouri Innovation Campus received national recognition when President Barack Obama visited UCM to discuss this approach to education and developing the skilled workforce employers demand.

The Monsanto Company, **St. Louis**, was presented with the Governor's Business Project of the Year for its continued commitment to invest and expand in Missouri and strengthening Missouri's position as a global leader in the biosciences. Earlier this year, the company announced plans to bring together its St. Louis-based industry-leading research and development team on one campus with a \$400 million expansion at its Chesterfield Village Research Center, creating 675 new jobs.