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Dow AgroSciences to Collaborate with Purdue Research Park for Biotechnology Center

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (Sept. 30, 2009) - Dow AgroSciences announced today that it will expand its Indiana research operations to Purdue Research Park, creating up to 30 new jobs by 2014.

The agriculture-based biotechnology company plans to partner with Purdue Research Park to formalize a new research partnership. In cooperation with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, the Purdue Research Foundation will build a 6,000-square-foot greenhouse complex on the south side of the Ross Enterprise Center and will lease 15,000 square feet of research and office space in the newly built Herman and Heddy Kurz Purdue Technology Center.

"A primary strategy of the state's economic development effort is to promote the growth and commercialization of key research developments within our state and this exciting partnership clearly meets that objective," said Mitch Roob, Indiana Secretary of Commerce and chief executive officer of the IEDC. "Bringing together the agriculture and biotechnology strengths of both Dow AgroSciences and Purdue makes perfect sense and we are happy to support their future success."

Dow AgroSciences, which develops technologies used for crop protection, pest and vegetation management, seeds, and agricultural biotechnology, plans to begin hiring scientists to support the research partnership starting this year.

"The power of collaboration with Purdue is immense, and the many elements of this project will bring great advancement to our biotechnology efforts. We are very grateful to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation for being a foundational player in what is a wise investment for the state of Indiana as it focuses on advancing life sciences," said Antonio Galindez, president and chief executive officer of Dow AgroSciences. "Purdue Research Park is the perfect setting to unleash the creativity of our scientists and advance science and technology."

Dow AgroSciences was created in 1989 as DowElanco, a joint venture between the agricultural products business of The Dow Chemical Company and the Elanco plant sciences

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