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# Kansas climbs to No. 5 in biotech strength

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Kansas ranks No. 5 nationally in biotechnology strength, according to an annual rankings report released Monday by Business Facilities magazine.

The magazine says Kansas moved up in the rankings, from ninth in 2009, through significant investments in biotechnology. The state has a \$581 million biotech investment fund.

Business Facilities' list examines more than two dozen criteria, including an assessment of state-funded research and development programs, interaction with institutions of higher education and major projects announced within the past year.

“Kansas has an impressive and expanding program, spearheaded by the **Kansas Bioscience Authority** that brings together industry, higher education and government in a coordinated, targeted effort,” said Jack Rogers, the magazine’s editor-in-chief, in a statement.

He said Kansas has “a uniquely focused and highly successful effort” that has helped the state become a national center for animal health research, a leader in pharmaceuticals and an emerging player in bioenergy.

Kansas also has received \$650 million to establish a biodefense lab and an animal disease research lab at **Kansas State University**.



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