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An Innovative Workforce Development-Ivy Tech Partnership

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The **Indiana Center for the Life Sciences** is the result of a partnership between Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington and Monroe County businesses, education, and government to construct a Center for Life Science Education and Training.

The Center coordinates directly with the life science industry to facilitate the development of the skilled workforce needed to make Indiana a leader in biotechnology and the life sciences.

The goal of the Center is to prepare Indiana students for jobs in the growing life sciences, biotech and biomanufacturing industries.

Nearly 10% of all jobs in Indiana are tied to the health and life science industry. In addition to providing biotechnology education and 4.4% of life science jobs in the nation are located in Indiana.

In addition to providing lab and classroom opportunities for Ivy Tech-Bloomington, the Center also houses several courses and certificate training for entry-level, unemployed or workers on lay-off status, plus advanced training for workers who are employed in regional life science companies and who want to upgrade their skills.

Developed through collaboration by Ivy Tech faculty, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, and representatives of seven of Indiana's core life science companies, programs at the Center are designed to meet immediate need in Indiana's life science industry.

In the Bloomington area alone, life science firms are projected to need to fill 750 positions over the next 2 years.

The Center aims to prepare a highly qualified workforce that will meet the needs of existing industries and attract new life science companies to locate in the area.

The Center is designed to educate adults who have been laid off from manufacturing jobs or are looking for new careers, as well as traditional age students.