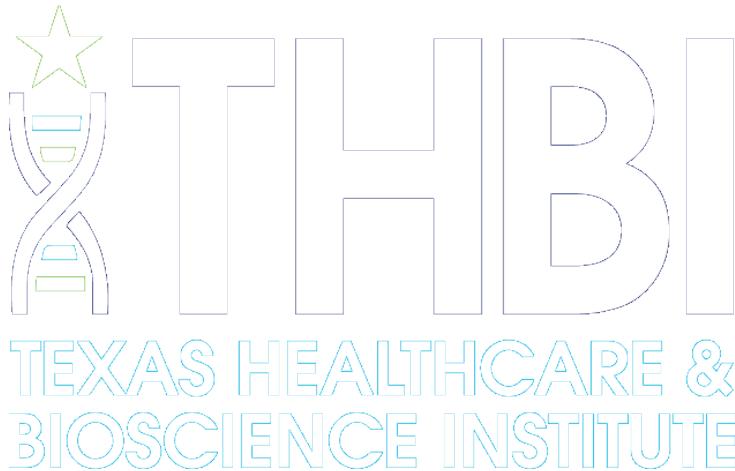


THBI to Philadelphia for 2019 Annual BIO Convention

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The BIO International Convention is the largest global event for the biotechnology industry and attracts the biggest names in biotech, offers key networking and partnering opportunities, and provides insights and inspiration on the major trends affecting the industry.



AUSTIN, TX – June 3, 2019 – The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) is headed to Philadelphia this week to showcase the state's thriving biotechnology and life sciences sector at the world's largest biotechnology conference, the BIO International Convention. More than 16,000 biotechnology and pharmaceutical leaders are expected to attend the annual gathering.

"The BIO International Convention offers Texas a world stage to showcase our state's strengths in biomedical science, agriculture and medical device innovation," said Tom Kowalski, President and CEO of THBI. "We are proud to participate and demonstrate how Texas has become a significant player in this industry while continuing to recruit talent and innovation to the state."

Texas is home to more than 5,500 life science and research firms and approximately 228,353 workers in related fields. Many top Fortune 500 companies focused on life sciences, and many global industry leaders have major operations in the state. Texas is an epicenter for innovation in this ever-growing and important field. Our highly trained workforce, top-tier research institutions and business-friendly climate strengthen the state's status as a global life science industry leader.

The Texas delegation will include representatives from more than 25 communities, universities and companies. The Texas Department of Agriculture, UT Southwestern Medical Center and the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT), which is the second largest publicly funded cancer research organization in the nation, will also be a part of the Texas delegation. BIO attendees are encouraged to stop by booth #3939 to learn more about Texas and the state's thriving life sciences industry.

The Texas delegation includes:

10/35 Economic Development Alliance The Beck Group

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Brazos Valley Economic Development Corporation Cancer Insight

Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas Capital City Innovation

Ceutical Laboratories, Inc. City of Georgetown

L7 Informatics

Medical Center of the Americas Odessa Development Corporation

San Antonio Economic Development Foundation Southwest Research Institute

Temple Economic Development Corporation Texas Department of Agriculture

Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) Texas State University

Tyler Economic Development Council

University of St. Thomas –Cameron School of Business USWoundCo

UT Health San Antonio

UT Southwestern Medical Center