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## **Press release**

## Home to almost half of Canada's total cultivated farmland, Saskatchewan highlights global advancements in agriculture and health at 2014 BIO International Convention

Organizations from Saskatchewan, Canada Showcase Award-Winning Research and Development at BIO International Convention – June 24-26 – San Diego, CA

San Diego – Booth #2011 – June 24, 2014 – Ag-West Bio announced today that Saskatchewan will have a strong presence at the 2014 BIO International Convention, in San Diego. The Saskatchewan Biosciences Booth will highlight innovations in agriculture and health, such as plant-made pharmaceuticals and surgical materials.

WHAT: Saskatchewan Biosciences at 2014 BIO International Convention
WHEN: Monday, June 23 – Thursday, June 26, 2014
WHERE: San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, California – Booth #2011, Canada Place

With over 100 years of history in agricultural science, Saskatchewan is known as an agbiotech leader. In addition, it has extended that innovation into the development of bio-based technologies which are being used to create green chemicals, biofuels and other sustainable bioproducts.

Saskatchewan biotechnology and life sciences organizations represented at BIO 2014 include:

- AdeTherapeutics <u>http://www.adetherapeutics.com</u> reduction of scarring related to surgery and aging
- Ag-West Bio <u>www.agwest.sk.ca</u> partnership catalyst
- Innovation Saskatchewan <u>http://www.gov.sk.ca/</u>
- Prairie Plant Systems www.prairieplant.com new plant biotechnologies, including medicinal marijuana
- SREDA Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority http://www.sreda.com/
- University of Saskatchewan Industry Liaison Office <u>www.usask.ca/research/ilo</u>

## Attendees are invited to attend the Opening of Canada Place on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am PDT, as well as the annual Gold Leaf Awards presentation at 4pm PDT, where Agrisoma Biosciences, a Saskatoon-based company will be accepting the Gold Leaf Business of the Year Award.

The Biotech Innovation Competition Showcase will take place on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am PDT. Presenters are chosen by Regional Accord Members, and the winner will receive a pass to BIOTECanada Whistler 2015 Investor Summit.

"Our Government is proud to support Ag-West Bio in raising international awareness of our growing biotechnology sector. We look forward to the development of new trade and investment opportunities for western Canadian companies, while showcasing the advanced research and technology developed by this burgeoning sector," said the Honourable Michelle Rempel, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification.

## **About Saskatchewan Biosciences**

Saskatchewan Biosciences represents companies and organizations active in the research and commercialization of bio-based products and processes. Participants include Innovation Saskatchewan, Prairie Plant Systems, AdeTherapeutics, the University of Saskatchewan's Industry Liaison Office, Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization-International Vaccine Centre (VIDO-InterVac) and Ag-West Bio. Learn more by visiting Canada Place at BIO 2014, booth #2011 and follow us on Twitter @agwestbio. *All trademarks recognized #* 

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