

# Kansas

<http://www.heartlandbioagro.org/>

## **Summary of Proposed Site:**

Manhattan, Kansas is the site identified for the short list by Homeland Security. Manhattan is home to Kansas State University -- nationally recognized for its expertise and programs in zoonotic, emerging and reemerging infectious diseases, and livestock medicine. The university houses a National Agricultural Biosecurity Center and the newly built Biosecurity Research Institute (the nation's most modern BSL-3 agricultural facility of its kind).

## **Governance Structure:**

The Heartland BioAgro Consortium is the public face of the Kansas NBAF, primarily through their website. However, the Governor's Task Force serves as the primary coordinator of all NBAF strategies, including community outreach, EIS statements, lobbying strategy, DHS site evaluation and all other actions necessary. The Kansas Bioscience Authority\* provides primary support and assistance to the task force.

## **Commission:**

A coalition was appointed by Executive Order of the Governor (attached). The Task Force is made up of a combination of political, industry and university appointees (attached). The Kansas congressional delegation are ex-officio members.

## **Mission of Commission:**

The mission of the Kansas NBAF Task Force is to develop a compelling case for federal officials to choose the Manhattan, Kansas site over sites in competing states. The Task Force is also charged with educating the public and coordinating community outreach and advocacy for the project.

## **Consulting Firm Status:**

The Kansas Bioscience Authority agreed to provide \$250,000 to hire a lobbyist and otherwise aid the state's bid for the Department of Homeland Security project.

## **State and Local Incentives:**

City of Manhattan is putting up \$5 million in economic assistance for infrastructure needs.

The Kansas Legislature passed three pieces of legislation to help facilitate the NBAF facility:

HB 2303 – Kansas National Bio and Agro Defense Facility Interagency Working Group Act. Creates an interagency working group headed by the Secretary of Health & Environment and includes various state agency heads.

SB 252 – Allow for timely transfer to the federal government of state owned land on the Kansas State University campus.

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\* The Kansas Bioscience Authority was created in April 2004 when Governor Kathleen Sebelius signed into law the Kansas Economic Growth Act (KEGA). An independent entity of the state, it is governed by a Board of Directors composed of prominent local and national leaders in the areas of science, technology, and business. The Bioscience Authority will guide the state in the investment of over \$580 million dollars generated through KEGA.

HCR 5009 – Resolution pledging the support of the Kansas Legislature for NBAF.

**Other Information:**

A joint session of the Kansas Legislature was held in February, 2007. Sen. Pat Roberts briefed the General Assembly about the NBAF project.

# Georgia

<http://uga.edu/nbaf/>  
<http://www.georgia.org/nbaf>

## **Summary of Proposed Site:**

Georgia has proposed locating the NBAF on UGA-owned property on the southern end of campus used as an extended animal farm for the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. The site is close to the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine, the Animal Health Research Center, USDA facilities, Merial Ltd., and Athens Technical College.

The semi-rural 66-acre parcel is contained within approximately 1,200 acres of UGA-owned land. Nearby facilities are all owned by UGA and include the Livestock Instructional Arena, Library Depository and feed lots.

The CDC, Emory University, Medical College of Georgia, Morehouse School of Medicine, Georgia State University and Georgia Institute of Technology are also closely located.

## **Governance Structure:**

The Georgia Consortium for Health and Agro-Security is the public face of the Georgia NBAF. The group drafted Georgia's proposal and is made of up representatives from the University of Georgia; the Georgia Department of Economic Development's (GDEcD) Innovation and Technology Office; Emory University; the Georgia Institute of Technology; the Medical College of Georgia; other Georgia institutions of higher education; the Georgia Research Alliance, and other key industry stakeholders and businesses.

## **Commission:**

Georgia does not have a commission supporting NBAF. The Consortium is the primary agent, working through the University of Georgia and the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

## **Consulting Firm Status:**

McKenna, Long & Aldridge (representing the University of Georgia)

## **State and Local Incentives:**

The state of Georgia has proposed investing up to \$150 million to land the project, including \$10 million to attract researchers to the university system and \$120 million in new UGA facilities. The package of incentives offered to secure the center include the \$15.3 million value of donating land for the building, \$4.5 million in site improvements and \$120 million for constructing two new buildings on the UGA campus. UGA is proposing a \$50 million bioscience building that would house infectious disease faculty working collaboratively with the agro defense center. The university is also planning to replace the veterinary hospital at a cost of \$70 million. Both buildings are part of UGA's master development plan, according to UGA.

## **Other Information:**

Georgia has a long list of supporters (attached). Both the House and Senate have passed resolutions that are supportive of the facility.

# Mississippi

**Summary of Proposed Site:**

Flora Industrial Park in Madison County, Mississippi

**Governance Structure:**

Gulf States Bio and Agro-Defense Consortium is the group that submitted the bid to Homeland Security. Publicly, efforts are being led by Governor Haley Barbour and the state's Congressional Delegation. U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security and Mississippi Senator Thad Cochran are the primary advocates in Washington. There is not a University element to the Mississippi proposal. The Battelle Memorial Institute (headquartered in Columbus, Ohio) is leading the research efforts.

It is clear that Mississippi's inclusion on the final list is for political reasons.

**Commission:**

There is no formal commission in place.

**Mission of Commission:**

Unknown

**Consulting Firm Status:**

Unknown

**State and Local Incentives:**

Unknown

**Other Information:**

None

# Texas

<http://www.nbafsanantonio.org/index.html>

**Summary of Proposed Site:**

Texas Research Park in western Bexar County is the identified site in Texas. This site is within the city of San Antonio. The Research Park, which has 1,236 acres, would offer 100 acres for the NBAF Health Science Center and has a BSL-3 laboratory in its research complex across the street from the proposed NBAF site.

**Governance Structure:**

The Texas Bio and Agro-Defense Consortium (TBAC) is a non-profit Texas consortium of research institutions, technology and research parks, governmental entities, and corporate enterprises representing the San Antonio area as the site location of choice for NBAF. TBAC is comprised of the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research, Brooks Development Authority, the Texas Research and Technology Foundation, the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

John Kerr, interim president of the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research is chair of the consortium. The Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research (SFBR) is an independent not-for-profit research institution and one of the leading independent biomedical research facilities in the United States.

**Commission:**

Beyond the consortium of research and university entities, there is not an additional commission.

**Mission of Commission:**

None

**Consulting Firm Status:**

Unknown

**State and Local Incentives:**

Unknown

**Other Information:**

The Texas Legislature has passed a resolution in support of NBAF.