



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA ITEM

DATE: August 4, 2009
TO: Board of Supervisors
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION BY CONNECT (DISTRICTS: ALL)

SUMMARY:

Overview

Founded in 1985 at the urging of San Diego's business community, CONNECT is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating and sustaining the growth of innovative technology and life science businesses throughout the San Diego region.

Today's recommendation is to receive a report on the progress and challenges facing the technology and life sciences community.

Recommendation(s)

VICE CHAIRWOMAN SLATER-PRICE AND SUPERVISOR ROBERTS

Receive the presentation from CONNECT.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

BACKGROUND:

Founded in 1985 at the urging of San Diego's business community, CONNECT is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating and sustaining the growth of innovative technology and life science businesses throughout the San Diego region.

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Since its inception, CONNECT has assisted in the formation and development of hundreds of companies and is widely regarded as the nation's most successful regional program linking inventors and entrepreneurs with the resources they need for success.

On July 24, 2007, our Board of Supervisors received a report from Duane Roth, the Chief Executive Officer of CONNECT, on the progress and challenges facing the technology and life sciences community. Today's recommendation is to receive an updated report from Mr. Roth.

Challenges that technology and life sciences businesses face include a downward trend in venture investing over the past three quarters, as shown in the CONNECT's most recent quarterly report (attached). On the positive side, the county's innovation economy is well-positioned to benefit from a \$10 billion grant program administered by the National Institutes of Health and from federal economic stimulus programs.

Respectfully submitted,

PAM SLATER-PRICE
VICE CHAIRWOMAN

RON ROBERTS
SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

CONCURRENCE(S)

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Other Concurrence(s): N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Third Supervisorial District
Fourth Supervisorial District

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PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

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BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

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BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

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**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION
NUMBER(S):**

[Click **here** and type numbers, or type N/A if not applicable]

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT: [Click here and type]

PROGRAM: [Click here and type]

PROPOSAL: [Click here and type]

	FUTURE YEARS ESTIMATED BUDGET OF PROPOSAL IF ADOPTED				
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Budgeted Amount For Proposal	Proposed Change in Budgeted Amount	Proposed Revised Current Year Budget (a+b)	1st Subsequent Year	2nd Subsequent Year
Direct Cost					
Revenue/Other Offset					
NET GENERAL FUND COST					
Staff Years					

Sources of Revenue/Other Offset for Proposed Change and Subsequent Years:

Space-Related Impacts: Will this proposal result in any additional space requirements? Yes N/A

Support/Other Departmental Impacts: Yes N/A

Remarks: Yes N/A