The State of Life Sciences in Palm Beach County



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Existing Infrastructure

- Florida Atlantic University
 - 4 institutional pillars all involve life sciences
 - Developing College of Medicine
- Scripps Florida
 - \$60 million in external grants in 2015
 - New leadership
- Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience
 - Growing faculty
- Palm Beach State College
 - Biotech emphasis provides training relevant to employers' needs



Existing Industry

- 93 life sciences companies in PBC.
 - Includes biotech, pharmaceutical & nutraceutical, and medical device manufacturing.
- Over 4,000 people employed.
- Over \$234 million in capital investment made by life sciences companies relocating or expanding in PBC since 2007.
- Over 350 patents issued in PBC



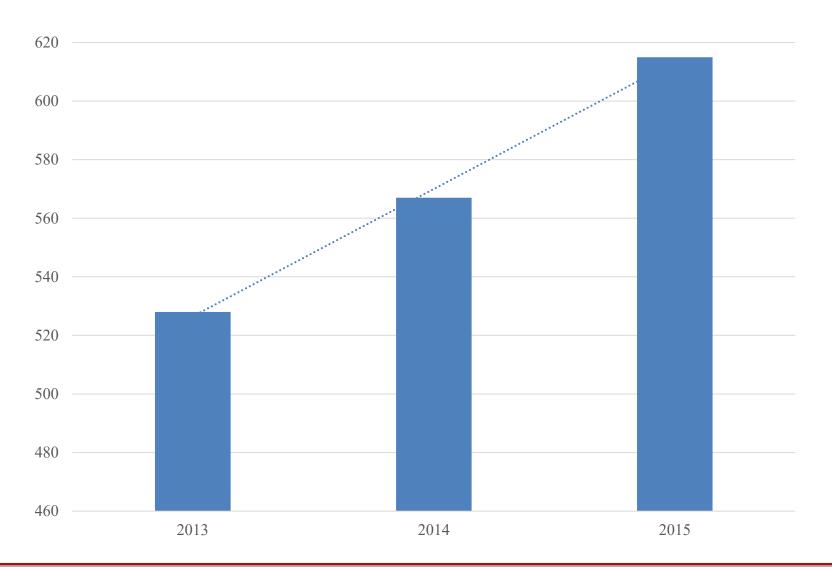


Research Park at FAU

- 63% of companies engaged in one of FAU's pillars:
 - Healthy aging, Neuroscience, Sensing & Smart
 Systems, Ocean Science
- Biotech, healthcare and healthcare IT dominate:
 - -53% of companies and 40% of jobs are in these industries

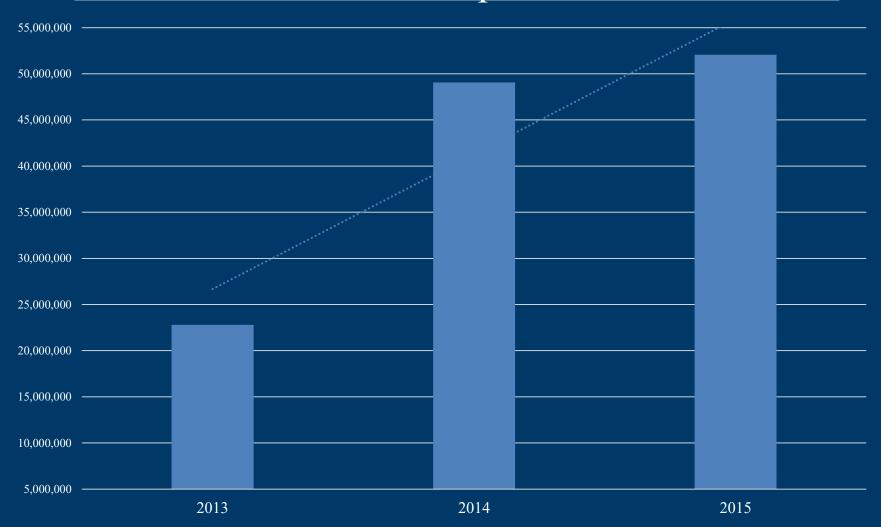


Research Park Company U.S. Patents Held 2013-2015





Research Park Venture Capital Raised 2013-2015





Florida Environment

2014	Florida	Research Park	Research Park % of Florida Total
Capital Raised	\$862,500,000	\$49,057,080	5.67%
U.S. Patents Issued	5,022	37	0.74%



Example Partnerships

- University MRI Center for Complex Systems
 - − >\$3M external funding
 - 55 peer reviewed articles published
 - 3 Ph.D. & 1 M.A. theses
 - 5 year research partnership with FAU announced in 2015
- Eye Life License
 - Invention by Bill Glenn, Ph.D. Florida Inventors Hall of Fame
 - Developing handheld ultra sound device
 - Investment & support from Florida Institute
- South Florida Radiation Oncology College of Science
 - Medical Physics program training
 - Irradiation of lab mice



Palm Beach County Life Science Industry Cluster Study

- BDB contracted with Facility Logix, LLC to conduct analysis.
 - Study sponsor is Jupiter Medical Center.
 - Further support provided by FP&L.
- Will provide comprehensive inventory of the companies, institutions, and support resulting in thorough understanding of the industry, its strengths, and gaps.
- Study will guide the BDB's life sciences business recruitment, retention, and expansion strategy.
- Consultants interviewed 152 different people.
- Final draft of report expected in February 2016.





BDB Life Science Study

Early observations:

- Cooperation & willingness to participate;
- Understanding of the process and timeline for discovery, testing, and commercialization is incomplete;
- Several participants observed a lack of regulatory expertise in PBC.

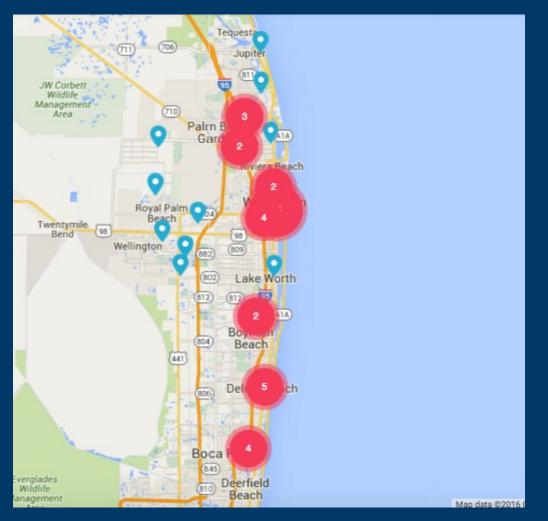
Potential Opportunities:

- Great desire for connection among companies and stakeholders;
- Opportunity to identify and educate local investors on needs, timelines, and opportunities;
- Deploy resident "bench" of retired industry executives;
- Leverage homegrown companies.





Palm Beach Technology Association













Palm Beach Tech - Pillars

Education Pipeline

 Work with local education partners to develop the talent pool for local technology companies and startups.

Brand Development

 Capitalize on our global reputation to build a brand drawing business, attracting talent, and producing startups.

Community Advocacy

 Serve as the voice of the technology industry to government and business leaders throughout the county.



