AAU AND APLU UNIVERSITIES ANNOUNCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Research universities from across the nation today revealed details about how they are working to promote innovation, entrepreneurship and commercialization of research results leading to economic growth.

The announcements are part of an effort initiated in April when more than 135 university presidents and chancellors pledged to undertake “greater efforts to advance regional and national economic growth” and to “ensure that the knowledge and technological breakthroughs developed through campus-based research was rapidly and broadly disseminated to advance the nation’s social and economic interests.”

The university announcements coincide with a ceremony at Thomas Jefferson High School in Alexandria, VA, during which President Barack Obama signed the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (H.R. 1249) into law. The new law makes important reforms to the nation’s patent system designed to encourage and innovation and economic growth.

“The nation’s research universities are essential and dependable partners in U.S. innovation and economic development, performing much of the country’s basic research in science and medicine while striving to educate our students,” said Peter McPherson, president of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities.

“The genius of the American model of research universities is that our institutions have combined the preparation of generations of scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs with the discovery and new ideas that lead to innovation and entrepreneurship, technology transfer, and regional economic development,” said Hunter R. Rawlings III, president of the Association of American Universities.

Discoveries from university-based research have led to entirely new industries and job opportunities in sectors such as information technology, biotechnology, clean energy, and nanotechnology.

Today, 44 institutions are reporting on their recent activities, including:
● Boise State University
● Carnegie Mellon University
● California Institute of Technology
● Colorado State University
● Duke University
● Emory University
● Florida International University
● Georgia Institute of Technology
● Iowa State University
● Kansas State University
● Kent State University
● Michigan State University
● Mississippi State University
● New York University
● Oregon State University
● Purdue University
● Rutgers University
● Texas A&M University
● The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
● University of Alabama at Birmingham
● University at Buffalo, SUNY
● University of California System

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