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**BioOhio partners with City of Mason to Roll Out  
Ohio BioScience Growth Report to SW Ohio  
*Mason Tech Elevator to host a night of networking, refreshments  
and bioscience discussion TONIGHT, May 24***

Mason, Ohio – (May 24, 2016). In an effort to bring regional bioscience leaders together to discuss the state of the industry in Ohio as well as further advancing bioscience initiatives locally, the City of Mason, in partnership with BioOhio and REDI Cincinnati, will host Bio in Your Backyard. The event will run from **4 to 6 p.m. TONIGHT, Tuesday, May 24, at the Mason Tech Elevator campus located at 5155 Financial Way**. This night of networking, refreshments and discussion is open to all who are interested in bioscience. Bioscience companies, educators, students, suppliers and service providers are encouraged to attend. Admission is free, but registration is required by visiting the event site:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eclkm7om56695e10&llr=h8hr9fcab>.

President & CEO John Lewis of BioOhio, the state's bioscience membership organization, will present the [Ohio Bioscience Growth Report](#) as it relates to southwest Ohio. The Ohio Bioscience Growth Report is published by BioOhio to communicate the progress of Ohio's bioscience industry and research endeavors using the latest data available. Lewis will be joined by regional bioscience leaders, including Nick Salyers, CRA Manager at Medpace, and Emily Geiger, Managing Director at Opa! Labs at Cintrifuse, for a Q&A session.

"It's so rewarding to partner with cities and organizations around Ohio such as Mason, JobsOhio and REDI Cincinnati. Educating those interested in bio on the latest trends, and meeting leaders in the region and beyond is exactly what we need to continue the momentum and innovative thinking happening in Mason and throughout Ohio," said Lewis. "And holding the event in the City of Mason was a perfect fit because of their commitment and passion to growing a premier bio hub."

Michele Blair, Economic Development Director at the City of Mason, echoed Lewis's sentiments about the biohealth momentum in the City of Mason.

“Our biohealth growth metrics are stunning for 2015,” said Blair. “We announced more than half a billion dollars in new investment and more than 3,100 jobs within the last 18 months – 80 percent of that growth was in the biohealth and bioscience industry sectors. We’re looking forward to this event to continue the conversation around bio cluster development through P3 collaboration.”

Blair also emphasized the importance of holding the event at the Mason Tech Elevator.

“We chose to hold Bio In Your Backyard at one of our Mason Tech Elevator campuses to emphasize our dedication and commitment to the well-developed startup ecosystem in Greater Cincinnati,” explained Blair. “This region has amazing resources like CincyTech and Cintrifuse, focusing on promising seed stage companies who need capital investment and business consulting. So as a complement to their efforts, we looked to take graduates of those early-stage programs to further their development in collaborative space. These are tier II, market ready companies who just need a little lift to get to that next level,” said Blair.

So far, the Mason Tech Elevator program has nurtured 16 growth companies, provided 75,000 square foot tech space, created 370 jobs, and attracted a total of \$120 million in venture capital. Some examples of successful company growth stories from the Mason Tech Elevator include STACK Construction Technologies, ConnXus and Assurex Health.

#### **About the City of Mason, Ohio**

Mason, Ohio, is an established hub for bioscience and technology innovation, and also includes a business portfolio of advanced manufacturing, healthcare and technology companies. As the largest city in Warren County and part of the Greater Cincinnati region in southwest Ohio, Mason’s economic development mission is focused on attracting and supporting the growth of top bio and tech companies and creating jobs in these key sectors, while leveraging partnerships to also attract foreign direct investment. Ranked in the top 50 best places to live by CNN/Money Magazine in 2013 and 2015, Mason is nationally-recognized for its low cost of living, award-winning schools and its intentional culture of wellness. Visit [WhyMason.com](http://WhyMason.com) to learn more.

#### **About BioOhio**

Founded in 1987, BioOhio is a non-profit membership organization that builds and accelerates bioscience industry, research, and education in Ohio. As a trade association with 420 members, BioOhio is the lead organization for the Ohio bioscience community and is the Ohio affiliate for global bioscience industry organizations including BIO, AdvaMed, PhRMA and MDMA. Please visit [www.bioohio.com](http://www.bioohio.com).

#### **About REDI Cincinnati**

The Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Cincinnati leads the economic development effort in the three-state, 15-county region at the intersection of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. The organization was formed in 2014 as a means to improve the region’s ability to successfully retain, grow and attract companies. REDI serves as a single point-of-contact for target companies, makes greater use of the local business community in the recruiting process and focuses on economic development efforts. For more information, please visit [redicincinnati.com](http://redicincinnati.com).

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