



## **New center will support biomedical business growth**

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A new center for biomedical business support is set to be announced Tuesday by top officials from the University of Rochester and its medical center and by local and state officials.

UR president Joel Seligman and URMU CEO Bradford Berk will announce details of the Rochester BioEnterprise Center in Henrietta, university officials said Monday. The facility will promote regional economic development.

Elected officials scheduled to attend the announcement include Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks and members of the Rochester-area state Senate delegation.

Medical center officials declined to discuss specifics ahead of the announcement.

URMU has been looking at ways to support emerging biotech businesses for years. In 2002, the Center for Governmental Research Inc. compiled data for medical center officials from cities across the country that showed economic impact of biosciences-related growth.

Among other initiatives, the report cites BioEnterprise Corp. in Cleveland, founded by Case Western Reserve University, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and University Hospitals of Cleveland. BioEnterprise provides management guidance, ties to research and clinical institutions, access to funding and other services.

BioEnterprise now states it has helped create more than 60 companies and drawn \$515 million in funding to those firms.

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