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During preparation for the upcoming [Global Healthcare Investing Conference](#) hosted in Cleveland, OH, the importance of inter-state synergy was reinforced by an event organizer. He discussed [a recent partnership between Cleveland’s BioEnterprise and Pittsburgh’s Life Science Greenhouse](#) - areas on the fringe of the conceptual Great Lakes region - demonstrates the collaborative possibilities gained from uniting intelligent, ambitious entrepreneurs and investors. An early result of the partnership...20 companies in Cleveland alone have attracted \$195 million during the less than two quarters of 2007.



BioEnterprise A Leader in Growing BioScience Companies The hyperlinked press release also includes direction to a 2006 report entitled “The Vital Center: A Federal-State Compact to Renew the Great Lakes Region.” For those not interested in accessing and perusing the lengthy pdf, The Vital Center’s report impressed the rejuvenating qualities of cross-state partnerships. Examination of regional history, current economic conditions, and future initiatives include some of the following interesting concepts:

- Build a Great Lakes “common marketplace” for education and employment, enabled by portable credit, credentialing, and pension systems that facilitate mobility between all states of the region.
- Create a Great Lakes venture fund whereby state governors and othe public and private sector leaders agree to dedicate a portion of state and private pension funds, university endowments, and foundations to growing new companies in the region.
- Design and embrace a new competitive vision for transportation policy that includes high speed rail, greater access to ports and freight hubs, and better maintenance and preservation of existing highway and transit systems.

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