

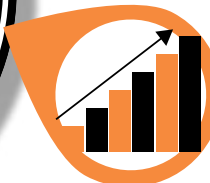
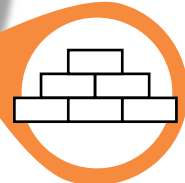
PAVING THE WAY

FOR LIFE SCIENCES SPOKANE

When you're stuck in road construction, you're seeing a project nearing completion. It may have started as an idea to solve a problem, which led to gathering and compiling resources, drawing up the design and stages of implementation, all leading up to you, sitting in a line of cars, anxious for that new road to open and reduce your commute time. Since the inception of VISION 2030, we have been collaborating with a variety of partners in the community and examining this endeavor from many angles, from education and research to business development and community health care. Here is a roadmap of our progress so far and the next steps we are taking in our goal to make Spokane a nationally recognized life sciences and health care industry hub.

SEED

Momentum '87, a community initiative, set the stage for the development of the Riverpoint Campus with a focus on creating a collaborative, multi-institutional hub of higher education, and collaboration in downtown Spokane.



GOAL

Annual economic impact of up to a 9% increase in GDP and more than 9,000 high wage jobs

FOUNDATION

5 Universities and our Community Colleges system are co-located within the 770-acre University District, offering numerous health sciences programs in partnership with our two 4-year medical schools and the Spokane Teaching Health Clinic.

WORK PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Economic studies were reviewed, current assets and resources were inventoried, existing research and funding sources were identified, and input from the community was gathered to develop a high level work plan.

FORMALIZATION

In 2014 VISION 2030, a business community initiative was established to advocate for the WWAMI medical education expansion to address a growing physician shortage and rural health care access issue, with a plan to leverage that expansion to grow a Spokane life sciences economy.

COLLABORATION

GSI partnered with business and community organizations, health care systems, and academic institutions, gathered data for focused baselines, and engaged their leadership to provide strategic expertise in identifying the most critical needs and how to meet them.

INDUSTRY GROWTH TARGETS IDENTIFIED

Areas of the life sciences where we have existing expertise and the greatest potential were identified. They include infectious disease prevention and biomaterials, research/clinical trials for cancer, diabetes, renal disease, and other metabolic syndrome diseases.

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Continue to convene and collaborate to address priority projects that result in more physicians and rural care access, while growing additional ecosystem components to create a robust life sciences economy in Spokane.

- Growth of the health sciences' and medical school's enrollment
- More graduate medical education opportunities
- Development of the K-12 STEM pipeline
- More nursing and psychology faculty
- Additional wet lab and dry lab space
- Sufficient educational clinical capacity; both teaching providers and facilities
- More affordable entrepreneurial start-up and accelerator space
- Additional academic and industry research being conducted
- Comprehensive commercialization support services and funding organizations
- Expansion and retention of existing life sciences businesses in the Spokane region
- Recruitment of new life science businesses into our area