

Below is a project for North Carolina that was included at my request in the Fiscal Year 2009 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill. That bill eventually formed part of the end-of-the-year Omnibus Appropriations Act (Public Law 111-8).

Project: North Carolina Biotechnology Center

Funding: \$ 294,772

Description: Funding through the Small Business Administration for the North Carolina Biotechnology Center's new Entrepreneurship, Research, and Development Training Initiative. This initiative will target academic researchers and novice entrepreneurs who are interested in starting, or who have already started, biotechnology companies in North Carolina. The new program will concentrate on training successful biotechnology company managers. In addition, the Center will investigate the employment needs in the research and development sector, and determine and implement the most strategic approaches to developing its workforce.