

Bioscience Parks Provide Perfect Homes for Growing Companies

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Colorado Bioscience Park Aurora at Fitzsimons

Located just east of Denver in Aurora, one of the most advanced bioscience communities in the world is growing on the 578-acre site of the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center.

Colorado's \$4.3 billion "square mile of life sciences" has become the launch pad, hub and focus for the biotechnology industry in the Rocky Mountain region. The 160-acre Colorado Bioscience



The University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center's Research Complex 1 at Fitzsimons

Park Aurora is the first university affiliated "biopark" to be developed west of the Mississippi. Adjacent to the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and Hospital, The Children's Hospital, and the Fitzsimons Commons town center, it can accommodate early-stage, startup, and established bioscience companies looking for a research community alongside

a world class academic medical institution.

The research park's incubator currently houses 13 early-stage biotech companies and two university institutes. A new building ready for occupancy in fall 2005 will accommodate graduates of the incubator as well as more advanced companies.

A 600,000 square foot research complex opened in 2005 with 1,600 researchers in 240 labs. Through an affiliation between the University of Colorado and Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority, any company in the research park can access the new core labs in the research complex.

From biotech research and discovery to patient care and education, "Fitz" is a Colorado treasure and the largest medical-related redevelopment project in the nation.

Denver BioScience Center at Stapleton

Young urban families are flocking to a new planned community at the site of Denver's former airport. Now businesses are, too. The Denver BioScience Center at Stapleton offers strategic and economic advantages that can add up to a real opportunity for a young business.

The 200-acre bioscience park is 20 minutes from Denver International Airport and 10 minutes from downtown Denver. More than three-quarters of Denver's highly skilled labor force lives within 30 minutes and parcels can be built-to-suit.

Competitive pricing, tax incentives, a great location, affordable housing, new schools and an experienced developer are just some of the reasons why the Denver BioScience Center at Stapleton is a smart choice.

Longmont - Boulder

With one of the highest educated workforces in the country, the Longmont-Boulder area is home to some of the largest and most successful bioscience companies in the state. Amgen, Array Biopharma, Pharmion and Valleylab are just some examples.

In addition to its talent pool, bioscience companies are attracted to the area by the affordable cost of real estate, the appealing lifestyle, proximity to the University of Colorado and a business environment poised for growth. Commerce Center Longmont, recently purchased from Pratt Properties by Circle Capital, includes a business park spanning over 200 acres and is home to many prominent Colorado bioscience companies. ♦



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