

# BioWest 2005

BRINGING HUNDREDS OF INDUSTRY LEADERS TO DENVER

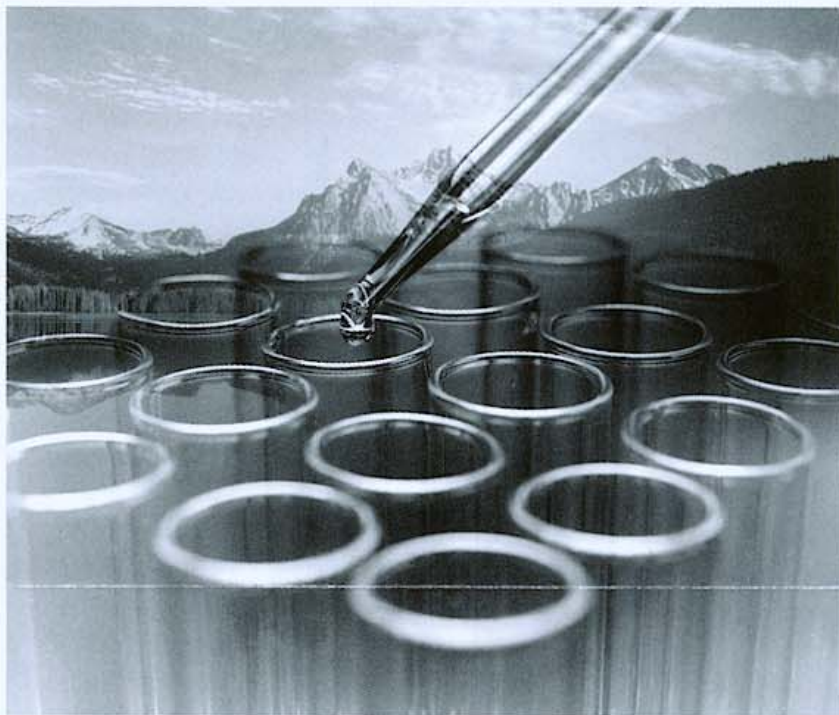
On November 8 and 9, Colorado will highlight its status as the center of the Rocky Mountain region's bioscience industry as hundreds of professionals converge at the Denver Convention Center for the BioWest 2005 conference.

The only event of its kind in the region, it is expected to bring together 700 medical device and biotech players from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

Two full days of exhibits, presentations and panels are designed to increase momentum for the growing industry in the region. Educational seminars will cover a range of topics for companies in all stages, including "Your Intellectual Property as an Asset" and "Regulatory Issues in Combination Products."

In addition to the conference, CBSA will hold its annual awards dinner November 8 to recognize achievement within the Colorado life sciences industry and announce the first \$10,000 Faegre & Benson Venture Showcase Award.

The conference is presented by the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade in partnership with CBSA. The \$10,000 Faegre & Benson Award will be given to an outstanding medical device, biotechnology or pharmaceutical company presenting at the 2005 BioWest Venture Showcase. Ten early-stage companies were chosen to present.



Eligible companies include startup or early-stage companies with a Colorado presence and \$2.5 million or less in total funding. Showcase presentations will be held on the morning of November 8 and will be judged by a panel of financiers from the venture capital and angel investing communities.

The highlight of the awards dinner will be a keynote address by Thomas Cech, president of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Cech won the Nobel prize in chemistry in 1989 and is a professor of chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Though he moved to Maryland in 2000 to



**Thomas Cech**

become president of the institute, he continues his research at his lab in Boulder.

Other partnering organizations for the conference are Utah Life Science Association, Intermountain Biomedical Association, bioldaho, University of Wyoming, the City of Denver, Colorado State University, Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority, Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation, Montana BioScience Alliance, the University of Colorado and the University of Denver.

To register for the conference or to reserve an exhibit hall booth, visit [www.BioWestConference.com](http://www.BioWestConference.com).