

*Recipient:* Berks County Industrial Development Authority

*Amount Requested:* \$250,000

*Recipient's Address:* County Services Center, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
633 Court Street  
Reading, PA 19601

*Project Description:* Funding for this project will go to the Reading Airport Research Park for market analysis and research, an updated feasibility study of the site, and development of a small business workforce plan that will foster entrepreneurial initiative and help launch and grow small businesses in the field of bioscience. The ultimate objective is to create regional agricultural biotechnology, green energy and life sciences clusters that will encourage entrepreneurship by marketing the critical mass of industry/research that exists in the Berks County area, and establish collaborations between the technology and the university communities that will generate economic growth.

*Recipient:* Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Central and Northern PA

*Amount Requested:* \$200,000

*Recipient's Address:* 1010 N. Seventh St.  
Suite 307  
Harrisburg, PA 17102

*Project Description:* Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Central and Northern PA has provided support for the formation of the Innovation Transfer Network (ITN), an organization comprising 13 IHEs in south central PA, of which the five institutions in Dauphin and Lebanon Counties are members. This network of 3,000 faculty and 50,000 students equates to the knowledge capacity of a major research institution. ITN has developed infrastructure for education and awareness-building, networking, and collaboration between faculty researchers and the regional business community to foster the transfer of new technologies into the marketplace.

ITN is now at the point of ramping up these programs throughout the region. Among the programs to support this ramp-up will be: a regular schedule of meetings wherein researchers present their discoveries to a panel of regional investors who will vet the technologies for their commercial potential; a program of Requests for Research, identified from businesses by ITN staff, that will identify and recruit researchers with the skills and interest to collaborate with companies; an interactive website that allows researchers to showcase their current projects and allows businesses to identify their market spaces and research needs; reviews of recent IP developed that can be matched to companies; as well as regular networking opportunities organized by industry or research sector to bring researchers and businesses together.