



City of Gloucester Launches BIO Initiative

Gloucester to Represent Cape Ann at the 2018 BIO International Convention

(TODAY Gloucester, MA) Gloucester Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken has announced the launch of BioGloucester – a new initiative to support and promote the community’s life science economy. BioGloucester aims to collaborate with public and private partners to attract and assist biotech companies at every stage of the supply chain to build their future in the City of Gloucester. The city has a strong track record of developing targeted industry programs, most recently Gloucester Green and Gloucester Fresh. BioGloucester will also provide marketing opportunities for local life science companies and pre-permitted real estate sites.

In Massachusetts, the City of Gloucester has been innovating since 1623. Today, the city has established itself as a center for world-class research and a job-ready workforce. Serving as a Massachusetts BioReady Platinum community and as the home to distinguished research at the UMASS Large Pelagics Research Center and Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute, biotech companies are choosing to expand in Gloucester.

“Gloucester is proud to be launching BioGloucester and to be involved in the Massachusetts Pavilion at the 2018 BIO International Convention. We believe support for life science programs and initiatives are crucial for future innovation in both the City of Gloucester and Massachusetts,” says Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken.

This upcoming June, the City of Gloucester will be participating in the Massachusetts Pavilion at the 2018 BIO International Convention being held in Boston from June 4-7th. Each year, the BIO International Convention attracts approximately 16,000 attendees from more than 5,000 companies and from 70 different countries. The organizations represented at the convention include the world’s leading biotech companies, top 25 pharma companies, top 20 CROs and CMOs, and more than 300 academic institutions, including major research labs and government agencies. Hosted by the Biotechnology Innovation Organization, the Convention helps BIO fulfill its mission to help grow the global biotech industry.

“MassBIO is thrilled to have this event back in Boston for the first time since 2012 and to serve as the host of the Massachusetts Pavilion. Over the past three decades, the Massachusetts life sciences cluster has experienced unprecedented growth, and we are excited to have the City of Gloucester join our BioReady Communities at the Pavilion to represent the best of the biotech industry that the Commonwealth has to offer,” said Robert K. Coughlin, President and CEO of MassBio.

In the past, the City of Gloucester has proved to be a successful location for the life science and biotech industry. In 2011, the city welcomed and celebrated the opening of the Large Pelagics Research Center – a cooperative effort between the University of Massachusetts and the state Division of Marine Fisheries to study large commercial fish, primarily bluefin tuna. In the belief that the ocean represents a new source of opportunity, the Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute (GMGI) opened in 2013 in order to conduct world-class marine biotechnology research.

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