

Delaware Valley



In an effort to transform the Delaware Valley regional economy, the Delaware Valley Innovation Network (DVIN) was established in 2005 as part of the WIRED Initiative. The WIRED proposal, signed by the governors of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, endorsed a tri-state, thirteen-county initiative to build a prepared workforce around the life sciences industry and supporting technologies. The region encompasses 7 counties in Pennsylvania including Philadelphia, 5 counties in New Jersey including Camden and 1 county in Delaware including Wilmington.

One of DVIN's stated goals is to expand the economic capacity of the region's life sciences sector. In addition to having the top-ten multinational pharmaceutical companies, the Delaware Valley region hosts world-class academic research institutions; emerging biotechnology, medical device and diagnostic companies; as well as an abundance of government and industry organizations providing business, entrepreneurial and commercialization support to the life sciences industry.

In order to expand the economic capacity of the region's life sciences industry and enhance its competitive position, both nationally and globally, DVIN will work to continuously fulfill the demand for high quality and skilled life sciences professionals.

As a Second Generation WIRED region, DVIN will develop a strategy to attract, leverage and sustain funding resources that strengthen and expand the regional life sciences industry through growing and enhancing its human capital infrastructure.

DVIN has stated three goals to transform the regional economy:

1. Conduct a Gap Analysis to ensure that the demands of the life sciences industry are being supported by the supply from educational and training institutions.
2. Develop three Regional Centers of Excellence to enhance the research, technology transfer, entrepreneurial development and training activities in life sciences.
3. Deepen professional economic development, workforce development and educators' understanding of the life sciences industry through regional collaboration and knowledge activities.



DVIN is governed by an executive committee comprised of representatives from thirteen organizations. The Executive Committee represents industry, workforce development, economic development and education entities. These organizations are:

- Innovation Philadelphia
- The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry-Office of Policy Planning & Development
- The Life Science Career Alliance
- Pennsylvania BIO Association
- Delaware Bioscience Association
- Biotechnology Council of New Jersey
- Select Greater Philadelphia
- University Presidents Council
- Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center
- Collegiate Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development
- New Jersey Department of Labor and Development
- Delaware Economic Development Office-Workforce Center of Excellence