



Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority - Media Outreach Highlights 2011 - 2014

Overview

PR Campaigns 2011-2014:

11/15/11 - [Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority Rolls Out First Phase of Strategic Refocus with Appointment of Four Key Leaders in the Bioscience Industry to Its Board of Directors](#) - The Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority (FRA) is adding four of the area's most well-known and successful leaders in the Bioscience Industry to its Board of Directors. Change in board composition is the result of a strategic refocus for the FRA, and those recently appointed to the board include: Donald M. Elliman, Jr.; William Freytag, PhD; James C. T. Linfield; and David Perez.
<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2011/11/prweb8960762.htm>

12/12/11 - [Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority Announces Second Phase of Strategic Refocus with \\$8 Million Expansion to Bioscience Park Center with 37,000-Square-Foot Accelerator](#) - The Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority (FRA) is expanding its Bioscience Park Center (BPC) by roughly 50% with an \$8 million, 37,000-square-foot accelerator structure. The new accelerator space will be leased to existing tenants graduating from the incubator and other companies in the modest growth stage. - <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2011/12/prweb9031720.htm>

3/14/12 - [Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority Names New President & CEO](#) - Following an extensive national search, Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority (FRA) has named Steve VanNurden as its new President & CEO. VanNurden, a seasoned leader in the life science/bioscience space, comes to FRA from Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.
<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2012/3/prweb9286549.htm>

8/22/12 - [Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority Opens New Accelerator Facility, Significantly Expanding Capabilities at Its Bioscience Park Ctr in the Fitzsimons Life Science District](#) - Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority (FRA) opens its new \$8 million Accelerator facility today, expanding its Bioscience Park Center (BPC) by roughly 50% with this state-of-the-art 37,000-square-foot structure. The new accelerator space is leasing to existing tenants graduating from the adjacent Incubator Building and other companies in the growth stage.
<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2012/8/prweb9819558.htm>

5/28/14 - [Well-Known Denver Real Estate Developer John M. Shaw to Oversee Properties in the Colorado Life Science District at Fitzsimons](#) - Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority (FRA) is partnering with John M. Shaw as a consultant to oversee its real estate projects in the Colorado Life Science District at Fitzsimons. Shaw's extensive track record of successful real estate development projects makes him the ideal partner to continue the FRA's vision to build a world class life science district at Fitzsimons.
<http://new.pitchengine.com/pitches/40b32242-1c1c-4374-bae4-6b796101ccb6>

News Feed Blog Summaries

Friday, June 6, 2014

Aurora Sentinel: 'Man with a plan: Fitzsimons redevelopment guru bringing DTC drive to Aurora's Anschutz'



Quoting from today's posting by Brandon Johannson: "FRA last week announced the hiring of longtime Denver real estate developer John Shaw to oversee its real estate projects in the district. Shaw, who oversaw the Denver Tech Center in the 1980s and worked on the redevelopment that saw the Fitzsimons Army Medical Center morph into Anschutz, said he looks forward to what the future holds for the area. 'It is absolutely staggering the amount of activity that has occurred at Fitzsimons,' he said. 'But the wonderful part is that we have 150 acres now to complete that park. And we have the opportunity to really think through how it should be developed.' The FRA's land includes much of the land north of East Montview Boulevard, including the old Fitzsimons golf course. The group's development plans have called for turning that land into a thriving business park where bioscience and other high-tech companies mingle with researchers and other academics from the medical campus across Montview." [Link to the full article at AuroraSentinel.com](http://AuroraSentinel.com)

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

DBJ: 'Developer Shaw to advise Fitzsimons authority on real estate'



Quoting today's posting by Mark Harden: "The Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority said Wednesday it is bringing in developer John M. Shaw, its chairman, as a real estate consultant. Shaw will oversee FRA's real estate projects in the Colorado Life Science District at Fitzsimons, the authority said. The authority hopes to develop a bio-sciences center on 180 acres north of the Fitzsimons/Anschutz medical campus in Aurora." [Link to the Denver Business Journal](http://DenverBusinessJournal.com)

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Denver Post: 'Denver developer John Shaw hired as consultant for Fitzsimons complex'



Quoting from today's posting by Steve Raabe: "Veteran Denver real estate developer John Shaw has been hired as a consultant for the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority. Shaw will advise the Colorado Life Science District in developing biotech facilities on the mostly vacant Fitzsimons property north of the major hospital and academic complex that includes the University of Colorado Hospital, Children's Hospital Colorado and the CU medical schools." [Link to DenverPost.com](http://DenverPost.com)

Saturday, September 1, 2012

Accelerator Gazette: 'Bioscience Park Center opens new accelerator building'



Quoting from the *Accelerator Gazette*: "The Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority (FRA) in Aurora Colorado will officially open its new Accelerator Building later today according to a press release. This \$8 million, 37,000 square-foot facility is adjacent to FRA's original Incubator Building at the Bioscience Park Center in the Fitzsimons Life Science District." [Link to the posting](#)

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

[Denver Post: 'Four growing biotech firms move into Fitzsimons Accelerator Building'](#)

denverpost.com

Quoting from the August 23rd article by John Mossman: "The Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority is celebrating the move of four startup companies from the Bioscience Park Center 'incubator' to its new wing known as the 'accelerator.' The four biotech companies — Mitomics USA, Greffex Inc., Touch of Life Technologies and Light Labs — are among 39 firms that have been housed in Bioscience Park Center. They have run out of room and are graduating to the \$8 million, three-story, 37,000-square-foot expansion, taking up most of that space. The new facility already is 78 percent leased. 'It's a nice problem to have when you haven't even opened your new building yet and you could potentially now be limited in space again,' said the authority's new president and chief executive, Steve VanNurden." [Link to denverpost.com](#)

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

[Aurora Sentinel: 'FRA celebrates grand opening of new wing'](#)

AuroraSentinel

Quoting from the August 22nd *Aurora Sentinel*: "The FRA on Wednesday unveiled the new wing at their headquarters, a state-of-the-art addition that dramatically expanded the building at 12635 E. Montview Boulevard by about 50 percent. Steve VanNurden, the FRA's executive director, the new space is already about 80 percent full. The FRA's grand opening was scheduled for July 25, but they pushed it back to Aug. 22 because of the Aurora theater shootings. The first new tenant, Greffex Inc., moved into its new space this month. Next month, the other three new tenants — Mitomics, Touch of Life Technologies and LightLabs — are scheduled to move in. The new wing will add about 40,000 square feet to the 60,000-square-foot home to the FRA and hub of the burgeoning Life Science District. The project is an important step for the district, officials say, because it will provide space for more advanced companies that are ready to take the next step beyond the facilities the building currently offers." [Link to the Aurora Sentinel](#)

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

[Property Mentor: '35 Plus 4 New Biotech Firms Have Been Housed In The Bioscience Park Center'](#)



Quoting from the Property Mentor website: "The Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority celebrates the shift of four new companies from the Bioscience Park Center "incubator" to its new division called the "accelerator." The four biotech companies including Touch of Life Technologies Mitomics USA, Greffex Inc. and Light Labs along with 35 other firms have been housed in the Bioscience Park Center. The new building already is 78 percent leased." [Link to the Property Mentor site](#)

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

[Healthcare Global: 'Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority Opens New Accelerator Facility, Significantly Expanding Capabilities at Its Bioscience Park Ctr in the Fitzsimons Life Science District'](#)



Quoting from the online posting: "'The Bioscience Park Center is designed to foster a collaborative environment—by having established companies in close proximity to incubator startups—further promoting an essential atmosphere that makes the Fitzsimons Life Science District an important hub in the overall growth of Colorado's bioscience industry,' [Steve]VanNurden [Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority Pres/CEO] explains. 'Companies relocating to the Accelerator include: Mitomics, Touch of Life Technologies, LightLabs and Greffex.' Concurrent with the Accelerator's completion, Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) has been retained by the FRA to market its new facility adjacent to the Business Incubator. Speaking on behalf of the national firm, JLL Broker Lindsay Gilbert says, 'Colorado's Bioscience Industry is poised for growth, particularly at the research and patient-centric life sciences district at Fitzsimons. Our firm is thrilled to be partnering with Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority at this time of explosive growth for the district.'" [Link to the Healthcare Global site](#)

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

[BiotechBlog: 'Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority Opens New Accelerator Facility'](#)

BiotechBlog

Commercial, legal, political, and scientific trends in biotechnology

Quoting from the August 22 posting: "Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority (FRA) opens its new \$8 million Accelerator facility today, expanding its Bioscience Park Center (BPC) by roughly 50%" [Link to BiotechBlog](#)

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

[eWallstreeter: 'Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority Opens New Accelerator Facility'](#)



From eWallstreeter August 22: "Copyright © thinkBiotech Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority (FRA) opens its new \$8 million Accelerator facility today, expanding its Bioscience Park Center (BPC) by roughly 50%" [Link to eWallstreeter](#)

Wednesday, August 22, 2012

[InnovationNews: 'Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority opens new accelerator, expands capabilities in Bioscience Park Center'](#)

INNOVATIONNEWS Quoting from today's posting by Steve Porter: "AURORA – Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority is today officially opening its new \$8 million, 37,000-square-foot Accelerator Building, the FRA announced. The new building is adjacent to its original Incubator Building at the Bioscience Park Center in the Fitzsimons Life Science District. FRA's original Incubator Building opened in 2000 and now houses 35 companies in different stages of development. The expansion will enable the companies to move into larger, long-term space." [Link to InnovationNews](#)

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

[Aurora Sentinel: 'New Fitzsimons redevelopment president says growing site looks a lot like Mayo'](#)

Aurora Sentinel Quoting from the August 7th article by Sara Castellanos: "The fledgling health-care industry growing on the former Fitzsimons Army Base is similar to the way the world-renowned Minnesota-based Mayo Clinic looked about two decades ago, the new president of the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority said Aug 6. Steve VanNurden, formerly the chairman of Mayo Clinic Ventures, the invention arm of the hospital, told Aurora City Council members at a regularly scheduled meeting that when he first started his job in 1990, there were still construction cranes on the site, much like the ones at Anschutz Medical Campus now. Back then, Mayo Clinic had about 31,000 employees. VanNurden said he saw the campus grow to 58,000 employees when he left to take the Fitzsimons post. About 19,000 people are currently employed on the former Fitzsimons Army Base, he said." [Link to the Aurora Sentinel](#)

Monday, July 16, 2012

[DBJ: 'Fitzsimons changes focus to better nurture startups'](#)

DENVER BUSINESS JOURNAL Quoting from the article by Greg Avery on Steve VanNurden, recently appointed Pres/CEO of the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority: "VanNurden's hiring completes a shift making the FRA less of a real estate organization and one more focused on helping to attract and find resources for medical and technology businesses that want to be in the park. 'Rather than make this a real estate play, we're going to make this a biosciences community,' he said. 'We have all the ingredients to be able to do that; we just need to put them in the right places.' Near VanNurden's office door, construction workers are finishing the interior of an \$8 million expansion of the building that houses the FRA headquarters and 3½ floors of labs and offices for 38 bioscience startups, most of which come from the university labs across the street. The new wing was considered speculative development when it was announced two years ago, but demand for it proved strong. The expansion opens July 25, and it will be 90 percent occupied. Four companies — Isogenis, Inc., LightLabs, Mitomics and Touch of Life Technologies — are moving in. They outgrew their space in the bioscience incubator building, said Vicki Jennings, the FRA's director of business relations. VanNurden hopes the growth of companies incubated on the campus will drive demand for more buildings, and that some large companies result from the homegrown tenants. He plans to look beyond the FRA's immediate surroundings for tenant companies. He envisions the park one day attracting computer technology companies and clinical-trials management companies, not just strictly drug and medical-device research companies. . . . On July 3, VanNurden realized a longtime industry contact had a layover at DIA. VanNurden — who declined to identify that person's company, saying only that it's well-known — picked up the person and his colleagues, and gave them an impromptu tour of Fitzsimons and information about the work being done on the campus before returning them to DIA. 'They didn't know what this was, and they were very interested to discover what's going on here,' he said." [Link to the Denver Business Journal](#)

Tuesday, July 3, 2012

[LifeScience: 'Aurora Bioscience district gets new boss with big experience'](#)

Aurora Sentinel Quoting from the July 3 Aurora Sentinel article by Brandon Johansson: "Steve VanNurden is excited for the new expansion wing at the Bioscience Park Center, Thursday afternoon, June 28, at the Fitzsimons Life Science District. VanNurden took over as President and CEO in late May... That growth and the momentum he sees being built was what drew VanNurden from Mayo Clinic Ventures in Rochester, Minn. to the FRA. VanNurden started at Mayo 22 years ago after a career with agriculture-industry giant Cargill. A few years prior, Mayo had launched Mayo Clinic Ventures, which aimed to take the world-class research happening at Mayo, and turn it into bioscience and biotechnology companies. Since then, he helped start about 50 individual companies. That ability to take the ideas that sprout from medical research and turn them into profitable companies has local officials excited about VanNurden's arrival at the FRA. Mark Spiecker, CEO of Sharklet Technologies, one of the 39 companies at the FRA's Bioscience Park Center, said VanNurden is the perfect fit for the organization. Across the health-care industry, Mayo is seen as a model for technology development and funding, Spiecker said, and Mayo Clinic Ventures is well-known as a place where breakthrough technologies become startup companies. 'Having a guy that used to run that program is a great opportunity for us,' he said. Holli Riebel, CEO of the Colorado Bioscience Association, said landing VanNurden was a sign that Colorado's burgeoning bioscience industry is gaining credibility around the country. 'I think it's a real coup for us to be able to attract Steve,' she said. His background with starting bioscience companies will be ideal at the FRA, where officials have announced an enhanced focus on building relationships with the rest of the state's bioscience industry, she said. 'That's really what we're trying to do,' she said." [Link to the full article](#)

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

['Inc.-ubator expands on Fitzsimons: Four bioscience startups climb the ladder of development at new Life Science District building'](#)

Aurora Sentinel Quoting from the May 22 article by Brandon Johansson: "AURORA | The new wing at the Bioscience Park Center is still a few weeks away from completion, but the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority has already lined up its new tenants. The four companies — Mitomics, Touch of Life Technologies, LightLabs and Greffex — aren't just moving into new digs, however. They are "graduating," moving from the FRA's incubator facility into the current building, where many began as fledgling start ups, into the new accelerator facility, where officials say they hope the companies can take the next step forward." [Link to the constuction update article](#)

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

[Denver Post: 'Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority appoints Steve VanNurden as CEO'](#)

denverpost.com

Quoting from denverpost.com - posted April 17, 2012: "The Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority said it has named Steve VanNurden as its new president and chief executive officer. VanNurden will start in the position in late May. VanNurden is currently chairman of Mayo Clinic Ventures, the invention arm for Mayo Clinic. The division is responsible for patenting and commercializing Mayo's discoveries, inventions and other intellectual property." [Link to denverpost.com](#)

Monday, April 16, 2012

['The mother of inventions...Denise Brown stepping down from unique Colorado projects and an industry she helped create'](#)

AuroraSentinel

Quoting from the April 10th article on Denise Brown's career growing Colorado's Bioscience Industry by Brandon Johansson: "When she retires next month, Brown will cap a career during which she has been as involved in Colorado and Aurora's booming bioscience industry as just about anyone. After working in the state legislature and the governor's office, Brown spent 17 years at CU before launching the Colorado BioScience Association a decade ago." [Link to the Aurora Sentinel](#)

Thursday, March 15, 2012

[MedCity News: 'Mayo Clinic Ventures' chair leaving to bolster bioscience efforts in Colorado'](#)

MEDCITY | News

News, Opinion and Analysis From Today's Medical Cities

Quoting from the website dedicated to covering news from the country's elite medical cities: "A Colorado redevelopment authority charged with developing a bioscience district near the University of Colorado campus in Aurora has appointed the head of Mayo Clinic Ventures as its new leader. Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority announced that Steve VanNurden will become the group's new president and CEO starting in late May. FRA was created in 1996 as a partnership between the University of Colorado and the city of Aurora. Now, FRA in partnership with the University, the city of Aurora and the Children's hospital and other public entities have acquired land that is part of an ambitious effort to transform the area from an old army medical center into a thriving bioscience hub."

[Link to the news posting](#)

Thursday, March 15, 2012

[Rochester Post-Bulletin: 'Van Nurden departs Mayo'](#)

Post-Bulletin

Quoting from coverage today by Jeff Kiger: "The head of a Mayo Clinic branch that commercializes its patents and inventions is moving on to a new position with the city of Aurora, Colo. Steve Van Nurden, the chair of Mayo Clinic Ventures, has been hired as the president and chief executive officer of the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority in Aurora. That means he will be in charge of developing the 180-acre Colorado Science + Technology Park. He will start his new job in May." [Link to the news item](#) Kiger also blogged about the news yesterday in the posting 'Mayo Clinic Ventures leader leaving for Colorado gig' - [link to read](#)

Thursday, March 15, 2012

[Twin Cities Business Journal: 'Mayo executive named CEO of Colorado life science group'](#)

**MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL
BUSINESS JOURNAL**

Quoting from yesterday's posting on the Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal site: "Mayo Clinic executive Steve VanNurden has been named CEO of the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority, which supports life science companies in Colorado. VanNurden is chairman of Mayo Clinic Ventures, which is responsible for patenting and commercializing Mayo's discoveries, inventions and other intellectual property. More than 45 startups based on technology from Rochester, Minn.-based Mayo have formed under VanNurden's leadership." [Link to the news item](#)

Thursday, March 15, 2012

[DBJ: 'Mayo Clinic exec to lead Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority'](#)

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denverbusinessjournal.com

Quoting from Heather Draper's news posting yesterday: "The Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority (FRA) has named Mayo Clinic executive Steve VanNurden as its new president and CEO, beginning in late May...VanNurden will be working with universities, local economic development agencies, state and local governments, and the bioscience industry to promote the development of the 180-acre Colorado Science + Technology Park, adjacent to the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. The Colorado Science + Technology Park is the center of The Fitzsimons Life Science District, one of the nation's largest bioscience developments. The FRA directs the commercial developments in the Fitzsimons Life Science District, along with its partner, Forest City Science + Technology Group."

[Link to the Denver Business Journal](#)

Thursday, March 15, 2012

[Breaking News: 'Colorado's Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority Names New President & CEO'](#)
denverpost.com

Posted online yesterday by Margaret Jackson and in this morning's print edition (page 7B: 'Mayo leader comes to Fitzsimons'). Quoting the coverage: "Following a nationwide search, the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority has named Steve VanNurden as its new president and chief executive. VanNurden currently is chair of Mayo Clinic Ventures, the invention arm of the Mayo Clinic. The division is responsible for patenting and commercializing Mayo's discoveries, inventions and other intellectual property. More than 45 startups based on Mayo technology have formed under VanNurden's leadership...The third phase is hiring new management to replace Denise Brown, who has been serving as acting executive director. VanNurden starts his new job in May." [Link to denverpost.com](#)

Monday, February 13, 2012

[Aurora Sentinel: 'New directions for Fitzsimons Life Science District'](#)

LifeScience

Quoting from the December 15th article: "With new board members seated, a search on for a new executive director, and construction crews working on a shiny new wing to their headquarters, the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority is undergoing some substantial changes. And all of it, officials say, is aimed at better positioning the 15-year-old organization to boost the local bioscience industry." [Link to the article](#)

Thursday, January 5, 2012

[GEN: 'Cities are trying to attract more talent and incentives to meet demands of the life science industry.'](#)

GEN Genetic Engineering & biotechnology News

Quoting from the January 3rd article by Alex Philippidis: "Denver anchors a growing Colorado biopharma effort that will see the state divert part of the corporate sales taxes collected from biotech and cleantech companies between 2013 and 2023 to help fund startups in those industries under a law enacted in May by Gov. John Hickenlooper (D). Bio startups also saw welcome news earlier this month when the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority announced plans for an \$8 million, 37,000 sq. ft. "accelerator" space within its Bioscience Park for companies past the incubator stage."

Monday, December 12, 2011

[Denver Post Breaking News: '\\$8 million facility to house growing biotech companies at Fitzsimons'](#)

denverpost.com

Quoting from this morning's posting by Mark Jaffe: "The Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority today announced plans for an \$8 million expansion of its Bioscience Park, which is designed to house start-up biotech businesses. The authority said in a statement it will add a 37,000-square-foot 'accelerator' facility. 'The new accelerator space will be leased to companies in the modest growth stage,' said Denise Brown, the authority's interim executive director. There are five companies from the biopark's incubator facility that are negotiating leases for the accelerator facility, said Vicki Jenings, an authority spokeswoman." [Link to the denverpost.com posting](#)

Friday, November 25, 2011

[Aurora Sentinel: 'Bioscience park to build new wing and offer room for growth to companies out of the incubator stage'](#)

Aurora Sentinel

Quoting from November 25th posting, updated November 29th: "A new wing under construction at the Bioscience Park Center will not only bring more space to the growing community of inventors, it will offer much needed room for fledgling companies ready to make the next step, according to bioscience park officials. The new wing under construction at East Montview Boulevard and Quentin Street will add about 40,000 square feet to the 60,000 square-foot home to the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority and hub of Fitzsimons Life Science District. Vicki Jenings, director of business relations for FRA, said the new wing will bring three stories of offices and labs." [Link to the Aurora Sentinel article](#)

Saturday, November 19, 2011

[Sentinel: 'FRA adds four new directors'](#)

Aurora Sentinel

Quoting from the November 18 posting: "AURORA The Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority announced four new members of its board of directors this week, additions officials say are part of a strategic refocusing of the 15-year-old organization. 'Our first tactic in refocus involves augmenting our board of directors with four of the area's most well-known and successful leaders in the bioscience industry,' said Denise Brown, interim executive director of the FRA. The new directors are: Donald M. Elliman, Jr., executive director of the Charles C. Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Biology and member of the Children's Hospital Colorado Board of Directors; William Freytag, PhD, former chairman and CEO of Myogen, Inc.; James C. T. Linfield, partner-in-charge of the Colorado office of Cooley LLP; David Perez, president and CEO of CardianBCT, becoming TerumoBCT." [Link to the Aurora Sentinel](#)

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

[DBJ: 'Fitzsimons authority names 4 board members as it seeks more mature biotechs '](#)



Quoting from the posting by Greg Avery: "The Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority appointed four well-known bioscience industry leaders to its board Tuesday — including Don Elliman, Colorado's former head of economic development — as the authority seeks to attract more mature biotech companies to its Aurora campus... 'We really got the industry "A list" — or at least a lot of it," said Denise Brown, interim director of the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority (FRA)... 'What we're not seeing is relocating to the site by more mature companies,' she said. "The board is doubling down and looking into what's preventing it." Vacancies and favorable rent across the metro area — and commercial real estate conditions around the country — make it hard for the FRA to attract larger biotechs. They'd likely have to build their own building because developers can't finance a speculative building in the current economy, Brown said. Venture capital investment has slowed in the medical biotech industry as a whole, and larger pharmaceutical companies have been quick to acquire growing mid-sized companies. But, even with those factors limiting the number of companies the FRA can attract, it expects to do better it has, and adding the industry veterans on its board should help, Brown said." [Link to the Denver Business Journal](#)

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

[BioMed: 'Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority Rolls Out First Phase of Strategic Refocus...'](#)



Quoting from the posting: "The announcement is made by Denise Brown, FRA Interim Executive Director, who says, 'Our first tactic in refocus involves augmenting our board of directors with four of the area's most well-known and successful leaders in the bioscience industry.' Joining the FRA Board are Donald M. Elliman, Jr., Executive Director of the Charles C. Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Biology and current Director and former Chair of the Children's Hospital Colorado Board of Directors; William Freytag, PhD, former Chairman and CEO of Myogen, Inc.; James C. T. Linfield, Partner-in-Charge of the Colorado office of Cooley LLP; and David Perez, President and Chief Executive Officer of CaridianBCT, becoming TerumoBCT. Brown continues, 'We're very pleased to welcome our new board members. These leaders are actively involved the bioscience community - locally, nationally and internationally - and maintain those critical relationships with entrepreneurs, companies and research groups required to guide the FRA through its next phase of growth. This is the first time the FRA has had bioscience executives on its board.'" [Link to BioMedReports.com](#)

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

[Denver Post: 'Fitzsimons Redevelopment names 4 to board'](#)

denverpost.com

Quoting from the breaking news posting by Margaret Jackson: "The Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority has named four new board members as part of its plan to refocus the organization charged with overseeing the development of the bioscience park north of the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. Joining the FRA board are: Don Elliman Jr., executive director of the Charles C. Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Biology and member of the Children's Hospital board. William Freytag, former chairman and chief executive of Myogen Inc. James C.T. Linfield, partner-in-charge of the Colorado office of Cooley LLP. David Perez, president and chief executive of CaridianBCT, which is becoming TerumoBCT." [Link to denverpost.com](#)

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

[Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News: 'Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority Rolls Out First Phase of Strategic Refocus...'](#)



From the November 15 posting: "In a strategic effort to refocus and strengthen its organization, the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority (FRA) has completed a regimen of planning to make adjustments in the direction, roles, responsibilities and allocation of resources going forward. The announcement is made by Denise Brown, FRA Interim Executive Director, who says, 'Our first tactic in refocus involves augmenting our board of directors with four of the area's most well-known and successful leaders in the bioscience industry.' Joining the FRA Board are Donald M. Elliman, Jr., Executive Director of the Charles C. Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Biology and current Director and former Chair of the Children's Hospital Colorado Board of Directors; William Freytag, PhD, former Chairman and CEO of Myogen, Inc.; James C. T. Linfield, Partner-in-Charge of the Colorado office of Cooley LLP; and David Perez, President and Chief Executive Officer of CaridianBCT, becoming TerumoBCT." [Link to GEN](#)