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## **Study: Bay State life sciences industry faces global challenge**

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Massachusetts can survive increased life sciences competition by boosting collaboration, making connections with other industry clusters around the world and beefing up education efforts, according to a new study.

The report, formally released on Monday, concluded that Massachusetts' life sciences cluster is threatened by global competition, uneven collaboration between industry and the lack of a strategy to nurture new talent.

But the **Mass Insight Corp.** Global Mass 2015 initiative concluded in its report that the state could succeed by building connections with both new and existing clusters around the world. Beefed up investments in life sciences education at both community and state colleges that involves industry will also help, according to the report.

Mass Insight also recommended reforming its process for conducting clinical trials by expanding recruitment of clinical trial participants and streamlining hospital review and approval processes for new trials.

In addition, Mass Insight wants to see more collaboration between different sectors to enhance life sciences job development.