

Massachusetts: Innovation Gateway-Global Education Center

## **Beyond Parallel Play?**

**Universities, Industry and Regional Economic Development** 

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# **Re-defining economic strategy**

# If you have the talent... the jobs will come.



# Intel Worldwide R&D Locations



# Talent and innovation-based economic strategy: A conceptual framework



# Talent clusters support and attract business

Talent clusters are concentrated geographic pools of talent focused on a particular technology or specialized discipline.

- Proximity still matters
- Critical mass is important
- Clusters need stars and supporting talent

## The opportunity for knowledge regions: Innovation Gateway – Global Education Center

- As R&D follows manufacturing around the world, regions which are global innovation leaders will act as gateways – integrators of worldwide clusters of talent.
- Innovation gateways will be global talent leaders.
- Global education and training programs in higher education and industry – are critical to recruit and develop the pipeline of students and 22-30 year olds to support talent clusters.

# **The Innovation Triangle**

# Strategic alliances are the key to R&D leadership and economic growth





# **Context:** Changes in the innovation eco-system drive strategic university-industry alliances

- "Open" innovation Decline of internal corporate labs, corporate alliances between large and small companies
- Technology convergence Innovation occurring through multi-disciplinary collaborations
- Shared intellectual resources and facilities Science budgets outstrip individual capabilities and funding
- Applied science rises Academic paradigm shifts as funding focuses on applications; basic science is embedded

# Talent and innovation-based economic strategy: Four steps for a strategy



# A regional talent and innovation-based strategy: Four organizing steps

- **1.** Focus You can't win at everything
- 2. Talent Higher education linked to industry
- 3. Regional Alliances Strategy to connect assets



4. Global Partnerships – Need China/India/Asia strategy

# Universities and Industry: Beyond Parallel Play The Role of Innovation Centers 3 Cases



# Bridging the academic-industry divide

#### Four mechanisms that make a difference:

- Supported networks
- Innovation centers of excellence
- Matching funds for collaborations
- Endowed professorships in targeted areas (better in teams with incentives to collaborate with industry)

# Large-scale innovation centers create a comparative advantage – and a new culture

Connect assets through regional alliances, global partnerships to:

- Lead in science
- Lead in education Develop/recruit local, global talent
- Create jobs **Recruit and spawn companies**
- Commercialize innovation, create applications
- Compete for national funding

# State Street and Zhejiang University/Hangzhou

#### The Partners

- State Street: investment management and services
- **Zhejiang:** a leader in computer science, over 40,000 undergraduates; 6,000 PhD students near Shanghai

#### The Business Challenge

• IT applications: Re-engineer old mainframe applications and convert them to current platforms

# State Street and Zhejiang University: The evolution of a relationship

- Late 90s: Personal contacts matter. State Street knows the founder of Zhejiang's computer science department – a few graduate students begin work on IT projects.
- 2001: A small technology center with part time students/staff. 3 computer science professors spend 8 months in Boston to learn State Street's IT development. The company commits to a small university-linked IT center where students work on advanced applications.
- 2003: A separate commercial operation. To retain staff after graduation, State Street establishes a separate commercial technology center for its internal functions. This leads to a Chinese joint venture for outsourcing to other customers.

# State Street and Zhejiang University: The impact of a relationship

#### State Street: Corporate citizen and university supporter

- Moving towards 1,000 employees; over 200 full-time
- Global philanthropy invests in the community
- American executive learns Mandarin, moves to Hangzhou in 2007
- State Street builds a talent cluster and a base in China

#### Zhejiang University

- Over 50 related academic papers
- Graduate students/undergraduates gain education and employment opportunities
- Increasing visibility and regional development

# **University of California System Initiatives**

#### Industry-University Cooperative Research

Outcomes: New research monies Widened participation in I-U research New educational opps Economic res. team Faculty recruitment Awareness of UC role Expanded R&D capacity Experience California Institutes for Science and Innovation

7+ major buildings \$400 million (state) \$1.6 billion (fed, industry) Faculty recruitment Student recruitment New paradigms Economic Research *Experience*  **Stem Cell Initiative** 

Nothing directly, yet Worldwide attention Excitement Faculty recruitment *Experience* 

(From a presentation by Susanne Huttner, UCal Associate Vice Provost for Research)



#### Each \$300 Million: \$100 million of state funding plus 2-1 match of federal/private funds.

- California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology (UC San Diego / UC Irvine)
- California NanoSystems Institute (UCLA / UC Santa Barbara)
- California Institute for Bioengineering, Biotechnology, and Quantitative Biomedical Research (UC San Francisco / UC Berkeley / UC Santa Cruz)
- Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (UC Berkeley / UC Davis / UC Santa Cruz / UC Merced)

#### Research

- Tackling major challenges, large scale societal problems
  - Healthcare
  - Energy
  - Environment
  - Transportation
  - Civil Infrastructure
  - Homeland Security
- Creating foundations for new R&D economy sectors
- Injecting innovative technologies into "old economy"

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education

- Students are enthusiastic about the paradigm shift
- Seamlessly integrating a multi-disciplinary, use-inspired research focus
- Producing a new generation of cross-trained researchers/experts

#### Innovation/Research and the Economy

- DMZ between industry, government, and academia
- Persistent dynamic frameworks for:
  - collaboration across traditional disciplinary and institutional boundaries
  - linking fundamental discoveries directly to development of new products and new technologies

#### **Federal Funding**

The Institutes have created world class programs, such as:

- synthetic biology (Berkeley Center for Synthetic Biology)
- biological and medical imaging (California Regional NMR Facility, GE MRI Collaboration, Small Molecule Ligand Discovery Center, Bay Area Laboratories for Integrating Nanotechnology and Cancer)
- trusted systems (TRUST)
- embedded systems (CHESS)
- homeland security (RESCUE, WIISARD)
- sensor webs and Smart Dust (CENS)
- optical networking (OptIPuter)
- wireless communications (low power, ultra-wideband, CalRadio)
- information and communication technologies for the 3<sup>rd</sup> world (ICT4B)

### The Massachusetts experience

Why we acted...

# A deep technology recession and a series of warning signs.

## Leaks in the tires but no blowout.

### Where we focused

#### **Science and Innovation Initiative -** 6 years of effort focused on :

- Talent and technology-based competition
- Building up UMass role in regional development
- Expanding alliances between public and private universities/industry

#### • Networks and Alliances – Organize Champions

- Partnership of universities, industry leaders, tech groups
- Shape state policy and support flagship R&D centers

#### • Match Funds: State Economic Package – 2004

 John Adams Innovation Institute: Match funds as incentives for collaborations, leverage for federal/industry \$

#### • Technology Road Map: Choosing to Lead – 2004

- Mass Insight/Battelle technology audit and road map to guide investments

# **Technology Road Map Phase I: Audit**

#### 10 core technologies identified

- Advanced Materials
- Signal Processing
- Computer Sciences
- Sensing, Optical and Electromechanical Devices
- Environmental Sciences
- Genomics & Proteomics
- Disease Research and Drug Discovery
- Biomedical Devices and Instrumentation
- Renewable Energy
- Nanotechnology Fabrication

#### Nanoscale Fabrication: A strategic alliance opportunity matrix

**Core Technology Focus** -Advanced Materials -Sensing, Optical, Electromech. -Life Sciences Industries affected -IT and Telecom -Biotech and Medical Devices -Advanced Manufacturing **Regions affected** -Northeast -Greater Boston -Pioneer Valley

## **Road Map Phase II: Implementation**

#### **R&D/Innovation Flagships – Global Challenge Centers**

- Goal: \$50 million+ centers/collaborations, facilitate high impact proposals for new state match funds
- Establishes technology leadership networks: Stir up the marketplace, focus on major opportunities
- Feasibility: Federal and private funding, economic impact, project champions

## **Road Map Phase II example: Ocean Research**

#### A Collaborative Ocean Monitoring Center

- Goal: National/regional collaborations to make Massachusetts a global center for the next generation of ocean monitoring and related R&D, industry activity
- Partners/Work Group: Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), MIT, UMass, leading industry co-chairs, state agency
- Planning funds: UMass president's fund, John Adams Innovation Institute
- 2007 \$100 million funding award: WHOI, in partnership with Scripps/California wins National Science Foundation award

# The Next Phase Global Massachusetts 2015:

# Winning the Competition for Talent... and Innovation



# A comprehensive economic development strategy

#### Linking higher education, industry, government



# Bridging the academic-industry divide

Lessons learned.

# **Conventional wisdom**, **culture** and **politics** are hard to change.

# Bridging the academic–industry divide

#### Focus on the people

- A talent cluster/people strategy: Industry generally wants talent more than tech transfer
- The tech transfer office is only one piece of the puzzle
- Culture/incentives in academia matter a great deal does academia view business as the "dark side"?
- Bridging the divide won't happen with volunteers

# Bridging the academic-industry divide

## **Build centers.**

• Leadership networks and connecting organizations.

# Establish a framework for investment.

 Battelle's and McKinsey's research impact in Massachusetts.

# Match funds, endowed professorships have an impact.

Incentives for collaborations, even limited \$ create a conversation.

# **Global R&D Partnerships: Your place?**





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