

**NEWS ADVISORY: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**



**AMERICA'S BIO AND PHARMA MANUFACTURING RENAISSANCE:  
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

**September 15, 2020 ~ 1:00 - 4:00 PM EDT**

2020 AURP International Conference Forum Preview

Brought to you by AURP BIO Health Caucus

**Tucson, AZ, August 10, 2020** –Two of the nation's hottest COVID-19 topics is the need for the U.S. to ensure medical supply lines through domestic pharma and bio manufacturing plus maintaining our scientific expertise in bio innovations. Billions of dollars of funding for new vaccine production are being deployed across the country; medical device production is increasing; and new policies are being debated in Congress and The White House.

Join us to explore how your region, your park, innovation district or company can participate in the bio and pharma manufacturing renaissance. Connect with manufacturing executives, policy experts, developers and related industry leaders to examine how life science manufacturing is evolving to meet the challenges of COVID-19 to identify emerging tech clusters.

This AURP forum on September 15<sup>th</sup> is a preview of the AURP International Conference taking place virtually November 2-6, 2020 – CHANGEMAKERS: Leading Communities of Innovation in Uncertainty. [Learn more.](#)

Forum registration (September 15) is \$75. [REGISTER HERE!](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic vividly demonstrates the need for refashioning the process to manufacture biological materials and create sustainable medical product supply lines for the U.S. New program funding, regulatory schemes and community engagement are all solutions as we witness the renaissance of life science manufacturing in the U.S., from Delaware to Alabama to California.

Unite with the best and brightest at this AURP BIO Health Caucus gathering to support our nation to create a resilient biopharma manufacturing infrastructure in our response to COVID-19.

**Registration Open Now at [www.aurp.net](http://www.aurp.net) Sponsorship opportunities available, contact [Brian Darmody.](#)**

*Forum overview, topics, and speakers follows below.*

**About AURP:** AURP, an international non-profit association, with offices in Tucson, AZ at the University of Arizona Science & Technology Park (Tech Parks AZ) and in the Washington, DC area at the University of Maryland Discovery District, focuses on creating communities of innovation and education for research parks, both operating and planned, plus innovation districts, incubators, accelerators and the businesses that support these research communities. AURP and its global membership promote research, institute-industry relations and innovation districts to foster innovation and to facilitate the transfer of technology from such institutions to the private sector. Learn more: [www.aurp.net](http://www.aurp.net)

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Hosts: **Mark Romney**, UC Davis Health Science Center, Sacramento  
**Rich Bendis**, CEO, Bio health Innovation  
**Brian Darmody**, CEO, Association of University Research Parks

***Repatriating America's Essential Medicine Manufacturing Industrial Base***

**Dr. Eric Edwards**, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Phlow Corp. at VABio + Tech Park, Richmond, Virginia

***Federal Policies to Turbocharge American's Bio Manufacturing Renaissance***

**Stephen Ezell**, Director of Global Innovation Policy, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)

***The Growing Business of Bio and Pharma Manufacturing: Where is it Taking Place?***

**Catherine Vorwald**, Director of Life Science, Sterling Bay  
**Alex Philippidis**, Senior News Editor, GEN

***Manufacturing Vaccines: Scaling Manufacturing to Protect the World***

**Patricia Larrabee**, President, Facility Logix, LLC  
**Dr. Tyler Martin**, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Adjuvance Technologies

***Community Engagement: Bio Manufacturing Training: The Role of Anchor Institutions in Training a Diverse Workforce***

***The National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals (NIIMBL)***

**Mojdeh Bahar**, Associate Director for Innovation and Industry Services, National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST)  
**Kelvin Lee**, Director, National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals (NIIMBL)

***NIIMBL | Presentation of Excalibur Award Recognizing COVID-19 Rapid Response***

**Chris Carlson**, Senior Vice President, The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, AURP Awards Committee Chair



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**Michele Whelley**, President and CEO, Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore