

Path to Sustainability Project Minority Academic  
Industrial Partnerships for Community Engagement

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The Path to Sustainability project creates minority academic industrial partnerships to bring innovative next generation industries to underrepresented underserved communities. In partnership with the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Emerging Technology Consortium is building Minority Serving Institution (MSI)/Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Teams to increase Federal revenues to the institutions, to financially sustain the institutions and to create a foundation for the development of minority owned next generation industries. The new economy companies are created from the commercialization of research at the MSI/HBCUs. One of the objectives of the project is to work with local government to provide incentives to locate these minority owned new economy companies in and around underserved communities. Part of the project is to develop incentives, to locate these start-up companies in underserved communities, and to develop programs to train residents with skills to work in these next generation industries. The goal of this demonstration project is to influence public policy to focus on increasing minority ownership of innovation as a catalyst for both educational attainment and community revitalization.