The Next Frontier in Life Sciences

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Why Colorado?

The ability to recruit and retain technical and scientific employees:
Colorado has 10 nationally recognized higher education institutions and 24 federal labs.
Colorado ranked 1st nationally for labor supply.
-Forbes, 2010
Colorado is the second-most highly educated state.
-U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010

Top metro area cities to live and work:
Denver is ranked #1 where people most want to live.
-Pew Research Center, 2009
Boulder is ranked 4th nationally for “Best Cities for the Next Decade” for innovation and collaboration.
-Kiplinger’s, 2010

Affordable operating costs:
Bioscience companies can recruit affordable, productive employees as the state’s average wage for bioscience workers is below the national average.
-Metro Denver EDC Bioscience Colorado Industry Cluster Profile 2011
Colorado’s average cost of living is 30% below east and west coast cities.
-ACCRA

A pro-business environment and competitive tax structure:
Colorado ranked 10th among the nation’s best tax climates for small businesses and entrepreneurs.
-Metro Denver EDC Bioscience Colorado Industry Cluster Profile 2011
Colorado is 3rd among “America’s Top States for Business” ranking highly for economy, business friendliness, and access to capital.
-CNBC, 2010

Access to financial resources to fund research and development:
The state passed $56 million bioscience grant program providing funding for emerging and early stage companies and commercialization infrastructure.
Colorado ranks second in Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) grants, third in venture capital investments per $1,000 for State GDP.

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