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## MassBio breaks ground on 4,000 s/f 'Bioversity' Workforce Training Center

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Shown (from left) are: Boston City councilor Frank Baker's chief of staff Amanda Curley, state rep. Robert Consalvo, Frank Baker, Trinh Nguyen, Mike Joyce, Zach Stanley, Kendalle Burlin O'Connell, Lauren Jones, Jenn Azar, The Richmond Group president and CEO Dave Mello, Carol Stuckey and Alan Koder at the groundbreaking for Bioversity July 25, 2023.

Dorchester, MA MassBio has broken ground on new project Bioversity, its first workforce training center, at Southline Boston with community partners, key funders, city and state leaders and project developers in attendance.

The workforce training center, scheduled to open in January 2024, plans to graduate its first 100 people next year into entry-level scientific operations jobs with local life sciences companies that will be a gateway to lifelong careers, educational attainment and economic opportunity.

The groundbreaking was emceed by Bioversity executive director Zach Stanley and included remarks from MassBio president & CEO Kendalle Burlin O'Connell, city councilor Frank Baker, city of Boston chief of worker empowerment Trinh Nguyen, Massachusetts secretary of labor & workforce development Lauren Jones, Beacon Capital Partners' life science managing director Alan Koder, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences School of Professional Studies dean Carol Stuckey, NECI president and CEO Jenn Azar and Mike Joyce of the Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester.

The programs at Bioversity will be offered at no cost to learners, who will receive a stipend to offset lost work hours during the eight-week program. Bioversity will offer graduates career placement resources to help get them into the life sciences workforce after graduation.

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