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***MGA Applauds Decision by DHS to Locate Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Kansas***

**Washington, D.C.** – The Midwestern Governors Association applauds the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s recent decision to locate the new National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan, Kan., on the Kansas State University campus grounds. This new facility will perform cutting-edge animal-health research to protect the food supply and the agriculture economy.

“The decision to locate the NBAF in Kansas is of great benefit to both the state of Kansas and the Midwest,” Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius said. “The Midwest has a common agriculture heritage and this lab will defend American agriculture from threats.”

“Locating such an important research facility in a Midwestern state will be beneficial to the entire region,” South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds, MGA chair, stated. “The decision by DHS emphasizes the national and global leadership of the Midwest in agriculture, research and safety.”

MGA sent a letter to DHS in May 2008 to support the Kansas site as the choice for the NBAF, as it was the only finalist proposal located in the Midwest.

To view the letter, please visit:  
[www.midwesterngovernors.org/resolutions.htm](http://www.midwesterngovernors.org/resolutions.htm).

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