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University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute Announces New Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Baltimore, MD—Today, Jennie C. Hunter-Cevera, Ph.D., President of the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute named David R. Bobbitt Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

“David brings a wealth of experience in fundraising from a variety of non-profit and higher education settings. In just nine months, he has built a private-sector fundraising program to support UMBI’s unique mission of cutting edge research, economic development, and education and workforce training,” said Hunter-Cevera in announcing Bobbitt’s promotion from Development Officer.

In his new role, Bobbitt will create a comprehensive branding regime for UMBI and will continue to expand the institution’s fundraising efforts.

“This is an exciting time for UMBI. UMBI has grown to become world recognized for research in health, the environment, marine science, and food, utilizing molecular-based tools. At the same time, Maryland’s biotechnology sector is booming, and UMBI continues to spin out new companies and partner with the industry in a growing list of projects,” continued Hunter-Cevera.

“I am so pleased that my new role will empower me to tell UMBI’s story,” said Bobbitt. “To know this institution is to be amazed at its successes and the opportunities before it.”

A resident of Calvert County, Bobbitt is an 11-year veteran of raising significant gifts for significant causes, including service as vice president for advancement at The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars and director of development for The Hospices of the National Capital Region.

With research centers in Baltimore, Rockville, and College Park, the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute is the newest of 13 institutions forming the University System of Maryland. UMBI has 85 ladder-ranked faculty and a 2006 budget of \$60 million. Celebrating the institution’s 20th year of service to Maryland and the world, UMBI is led by microbiologist and former biotechnology executive Dr. Jennie C. Hunter-Cevera. For more information visit www.umbi.umd.edu.

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