



NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COALITION PARTNERS (present & future)

INDUSTRY

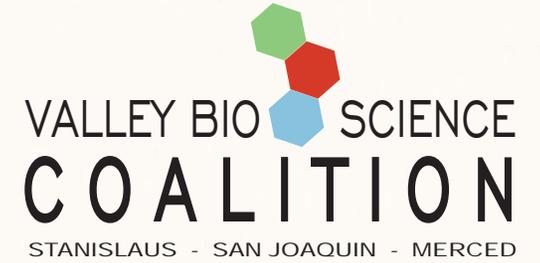
- Agriculture
- Biomedical
- Biotechnology
- Dairy Products
- Food Processing
- Healthcare
- Testing Laboratories
- Wine

WORKFORCE

- Workforce Investment Boards
- Economic Development

EDUCATION

- Community Colleges
- Education Districts
- High Schools
- Private & Public Universities
- Science Centers



ALLIANCE

Stanislaus Economic Development & Workforce Alliance

209-567-4985

Visit the Coalition Webpage @

www.stanalliance.com/indexes/index-bioag.php

"NOTHING IS MORE POWERFUL THAN

AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME"

The Coalition is committed to increasing the success of laboratories in the heart of California's Northern San Joaquin Valley – Merced, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus Counties. It brings together leaders from industry,

education, and workforce training dedicated to closing the gap between employer needs and worker skills. First and foremost, the Coalition seeks to serve the current and future needs of existing laboratory operations. Longer term, it aims to support economic diversification through the attraction of Biotech related industry to the region.

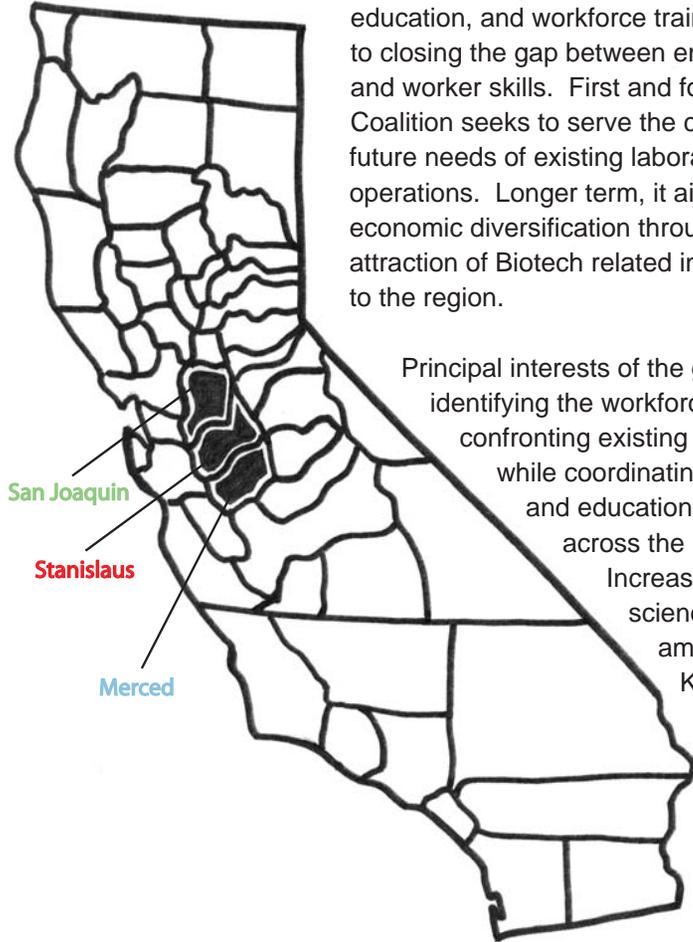
Principal interests of the group include identifying the workforce issues confronting existing industry while coordinating training and educational efforts across the region.

Increasing interest in science related careers among students in K-12 while supporting High School and College Biotech and lab programs are high priorities. Through these efforts, the area will be better prepared to meet

the staffing requirements of existing labs and those firms considering the location of operations in the Valley.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Coalition meetings are proving to be a valuable resource in exchanging information about existing training programs. They also provide a forum for shaping the development of new curricula while connecting local employers with potential sources of new employees. To learn more about the Valley Bio & Science Coalition, contact the Alliance @ 209-567-4985.



COALITION QUICK FACTS

- Formed in July 2007 to focus on diversifying the economy of the Northern San Joaquin Valley in the Bio and Science fields.
- Biotech has been identified as a priority cluster for the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. This Regional Coalition recognizes the importance of moving this initiative forward in direct relationship with higher education.
- Seize opportunities to commercialize Bio & Science Industry innovation.
- Comprised of representatives from workforce, education and business.
- Instrumental in applying for and receiving a \$238,434 Innovation Grant from the Department of Labor.
- Conduct an ongoing survey of regional laboratory operations to identify workforce and training needs.
- Close existing training gaps by connecting regional educational institutions with the business community.
- Continue to encourage new training programs as needed.
- Provide a platform to connect internship opportunities.
- Increase awareness of lab and science related careers within the community.
- Continue to strengthen relationship with Biotech industry thru a relationship with BayBio.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

It is critical that both the public and private sector be engaged to help solidify future job opportunities in the Northern San Joaquin Valley. As the three-county region grows, the demand for jobs and an enhanced quality of life will increase.

