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NOVEMBER 12, 2025
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PLENARY SESSION: BALLROOM

AWARDS
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7:30 AM	Buffet Breakfast	
8:00 AM	Welcome Remarks	Kelvyn Cullimore, President & CEO, BioUtah
8:10 AM	Chairman's Report	Mark Paul, Executive Director, University of Utah Center for Medical Innovation
8:20 AM	Life Sciences: A Targeted Industry	Jefferson Moss, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity
8:30 AM	AI Impacts in Healthcare	Carter Dredge, Fellow, Cambridge University / Executive Director, Intermountain Health Institute
9:00 AM	Friend of Industry Award	TBA
9:05 AM	FDA Town Hall	Michelle Tarver, MD, PhD, Director, Center for Devices & Radiological Health, FDA
9:50 AM	Executive of the Year Award	TBA
9:55 AM	Fireside Chat: Trade Regulations Affecting Life Sciences	Melissa Holyoak, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission Jacey Skinner, Of Counsel, Ballard Spahr
10:30 AM	Entrepreneur of the Year Award	TBA
10:35 AM	The Future of Healthcare in Utah: Navigating Costs, Care and the Coming Silver Tsunami	David Bearss, PhD, CEO, Halia Therapeutics [Moderator] Bob Carter, MD, PhD CEO, University of Utah Health Mark Ott, MD, Dean, BYU School of Medicine
11:10 AM	Innovation Impact Award	TBA
11:15 AM	The Miracle of Modern Medicine	Peter Marks, MD, PhD, Sr. VP of Molecule Discovery & Head of Infectious Disease, Eli Lilly
11:50 AM	Lifetime Achievement Award	TBA
11:55 AM	Panel Presentation: National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology	NSCEB Commissioners
12:30 PM	Networking Lunch	

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LOCATION: TBA

HOST: CHRIS PHILLIPS

1:30 PM

Early Experience with an Evolving FDA & HHS

Seth Olson, Kirtan & McConkie, Moderator
Chris Rogers, VP, Regulatory Affairs VAD, BD

2:10 PM

How AI is Driving Trends in Life Sciences

Ryan Hogan, CEO, Pace Johnson Law [Moderator]
Kelli Oborn, Sr. Technical Specialist & Scheme Manager - Vascular Devices, BSI Group
Heather Murphy, Sr. Clinical Evaluation Specialist - Vascular Access Devices, BSI Group

2:50 PM

Break

3:00 PM

Avenues to Early and Better Regulatory Access

Kai Kadoich, TAP Advisor, FDA

3:35 PM

Clinical Trials Evolving Landscape
—A CRO Perspective

Dave Hanaman, CEO, Curavit [Moderator]
Amy Goodman, Director, Research & Science, Data Coordinating Center, University of Utah
Chuck Bucklar, Chief Business Officer, Uncommon Cures
Cameron Mealey, Avance Clinicals

4:15 PM

Hurry Up! FDA's Quality System Harmonization
with ISO 13485

Markus Gee, Director, Life Sciences Division, Axelon

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1:30 PM	Understanding GPOs, Are They Right for Your Organization?	Todd Ebert, President & CEO, Healthcare Supply Chain Association
2:00 PM	AI in the Life Sciences	David Bearss, PhD, CEO, Halia Therapeutics [Moderator] Hariprasad Vankalapati, PhD, CSO and Co-Founder, Biolexis Therapeutics Ian Quigley, PhD – Co-Founder and CEO, Leash Bio David Hallett, PhD, Recursion Pharmaceuticals Alison O'Mahoney, PhD, VP of Pharmaceutical Research, Seek Labs
2:40 PM	The Fundamentals of Reimbursement in US Healthcare	TBA
3:10 PM	Break	
3:20 PM	Social Media Presentation	Nathan Gwilliam, Founder & CEO, PodUp
4:00 PM	Mapping Utah's Life Sciences Developments	TBA

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1:30 PM

Utah's Talent Advantage: Up-Skilling & Elevating the Leaders of Tomorrow

Brooke Clark, Principal, Upward Growth Partners [Moderator]
Rachel Jones, Chief Commercial Officer, VedaBio
Lacey Marakis, Senior Talent Acquisition Consultant, Former Lead Recruiter, Recursion Pharmaceuticals
Charitha Tillekeratne, CTO of Surgical Innovations, GE Healthcare

2:15 PM

The Utah Talent Hub: A New Tool for Recruiting Interns

Bryce Nelson, Cooperative Education Program Manager, Talent Ready Utah
Jimmy McDonough, Asst. Commissioner, Higher Education Workforce Programs, Utah System of Higher Education— Talent Ready Utahv

3:00 PM

Break

3:15 PM

National and Local Workforce Perspectives: The 2025 TEconomy Report

Ryan Helwig, Principal & Senior Director, TEconomy Partners, LLC

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Immigration Challenges & Impacts on the Life Sciences Workforce

Kathleen Weron, Partner, Ogletree Deakins

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1:30 PM

SEC Insights Into Current Fund Raising

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Strategic Considerations in Term Sheet
Negotiation

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Patents vs Trade Secrets: A Strategic Approach

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4:00 PM

Changes in the World of Patents and IP

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