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AGENDA

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LOCATION: BALLROOM

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7:30 AM	Buffet Breakfast (Exhibitor Hall)	
8:00 AM	Veterans Day Tribute	Chris Stewart, Former Congressman and Air Force Veteran
8:10 AM	Welcome Remarks	Kelvyn Cullimore, President & CEO, BioUtah
8:20 AM	Chairwoman's Report	Erin Barry, Chair, BioUtah Board of Directors; VP of Government Affairs, Merit Medical Systems
8:30 AM	Friend of Industry Award	
8:35 AM	FDA Town Hall	Michelle Tarver, MD, PhD, Director, Center for Devices & Radiological Health, FDA
9:20 AM	Executive of the Year Award	
9:25 AM	Inside Utah's Recent Life Sciences Mergers & Acquisitions	David Bearss, PhD, Co-Founder, CEO & President, Halia Therapeutics Sunny Sanyal, President & CEO, Varex Imaging Corporation Rick Randall, CEO, Scientia Vascular Shingo Ono, President & CEO, MC Dental Holdings America (Ultradent)
10:10 AM	Entrepreneur of the Year Award	
10:15 AM	Emergence of AI in the Life Sciences and Beyond	Zach Boyd, Director, Utah's Office of AI Policy David Reshef, MD, Venture Partner, Google Ventures
11:00 AM	Innovation Impact Award	
11:05 AM	From Wall Street to the Wasatch	Robert Spendlove, Chief Economist, Zions Bank
11:50 AM	Lifetime Achievement Award	
11:55 AM	Networking Lunch	

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HOST: KELVYN CULLIMORE

1:15 PM

Assessing the Impact of the Midterm Elections on Life Sciences

Tom Perez, Partner, Mayer Brown; Former Secretary of Labor & White House Senior Advisor

2:00 PM

What Media Coverage Does for Your Company and How to Get It

Nate Gibby, Director of Marketing Communications, BioUtah [Moderator]
Catherine Bennett, Executive Editor, Utah Business
David Politis, President & CEO, Money Watch Research
Jennifer Coltrin Webb, ColtrinMethod PR

2:45 PM

Break

3:00 PM

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3:45 PM

Progress of Utah's Life Sciences Real Estate Developments

Chris Kirk, Managing Director, Colliers International [Moderator]
Stephen Smith, AVP, Regional Project Area Development, Utah Inland Port Authority
John Dahlstrom, Medical Innovation Technology Campus
Don Willie, Director of Operations, The Point Utah
J. Steven Price, President & Founder, Price Real Estate

4:30 PM

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REGULATORY & QUALITY TRACK

LOCATION: ALPINE EAST

HOST: CHRIS PHILLIPS

1:15 PM

Expert Voices: New Initiatives in U.S. & Global Regulations

Seth Olson, Partner, Kirton McConkie [Moderator]
Michelle Tarver, MD, PhD, Director, Center for Devices & Radiological Health, FDA
Jeevan Virk, CEO, Sego Therapeutics
Johnathon Bis, Commercial Operations Director, Regulatory Services - Americas, BSI Group America, Inc.

2:00 PM

How the Voluntary Improvement Program is Making a Difference for Utah Companies

Kim Kaplan, Principal Product Manager, MDDAP, LLC
Quinn Lavender, Distinguished, Quality Systems, Edwards Life Sciences
Chandresh Thakur, Johnson & Johnson

2:45 PM

Break

3:00 PM

**Regulatory Conversations:
The AI Footprint Across Life Sciences**

Chris Phillips, VP of Regulatory Affairs and Quality, Epitel [Moderator]
Danielle Faruq, Digital Health Specialist, Digital Health Center of Excellence, CDRH, FDA
Lars Mouritsen, President & CEO, Avendium
John Durkin, Associate General Counsel, Recursion
Brendan O'Leary, Consultant; Former Deputy Dir., Digital Health Center of Excellence, FDA

3:45 PM

Implementing Effective CAPAs

Siavash Ghaffari, Quality and Regulatory Consultant, Lod-Max Biotech, LLC [Moderator]
Eric Scott, Senior Director of Quality, bioMérieux
Kathleen Pinon, Senior Director, Site Quality Head SLC, Teva Pharmaceuticals

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WORKFORCE TRACK

LOCATION: ALPINE WEST

HOST: BROOKE CLARK

1:15 PM

Companies are Dumber Than Their People and AI Isn't the Answer

Jacob Andra, CEO, Talbot West

2:00 PM

The Human in the Loop is You: Leading Yourself and Your Team Through AI-driven Change

Brooke Clark, Principal Advisor, Seat 1A **[Moderator]**
Jacob Andra, CEO, Talbot West
Janelle Gordon, VP of People, Blackrock Neurotech
Steve Moore, Director Automation Engineering, bioMérieux

2:45 PM

Break

3:00 PM

Building Your Talent Pipeline: Internship and Recruitment Tools

Vic Hockett, Associate Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education **[Moderator]**
Tyler Dunn, Industry Engagement Manager, Talent Ready Utah
Jimmy McDonough, Workforce Systems Leader, Talent Ready Utah
Nate Gibby, Director of Marketing Communications, BioUtah
Casey Slater, Director K-12 Initiatives, Talent Ready Utah
Alison O'Mahony, Ph.D., Senior VP, Research and Development, Seek Labs
Amy Andre, State Director of Youth Apprenticeships, Utah Governor's Office & Utah Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

3:45 PM

Best Practices in Retention and Up-Skilling

Tina Hazlett, Division Managing Director, Waterstone Human Capital **[Moderator]**
Mike Voigt, Chief Human Resources Officer, Merit Medical Systems
Britt McPartland, Head of Talent Acquisition & People Operations, Stealth Radiopharma

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LOCATION: WASATCH ROOM		HOST: SCOTT YOUNG
1:15 PM	National Security Considerations in Biotech	Thea Kendler, Partner/Co-leader of Sanctions and Export Controls, Mayer Brown Erin Barry, Chair, BioUtah Board of Directors; VP of Government Affairs, Merit Medical Systems
2:00 PM	Tips from the Trenches: Strategies for Starting and Growing a Life Sciences Company in Utah	Scott Young, Partner, Mayer Brown David Bearss, CEO, Halia Therapeutics John Wirthlin, AVP Research Operations, Intermountain Health
2:45 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	From Tariffs to Peptides: Navigating FDA Regulatory Uncertainty	Scott Liebman, Partner, Mayer Brown Dominick DiSabatino, Partner, Mayer Brown
3:45 PM	Financing Best Practices from Seed Round to IPO	Brian Hirshberg, Partner, Mayer Brown Richard Scoville, Emerging Companies, Venture Capital, M&A Associate, Mayer Brown
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