

CAROL MALYSZ

RI BIO
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FUTURE GROWTH:

RI Bio Executive Director Carol Malysz says she is excited to be part of the state's growing investment in the life sciences sector.
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THE LIFE SCIENCES FIELD within Rhode Island is booming, due in no small part to **RI Bio**, the Providence-based trade group that provides resources and connections to advance the industry.

At the helm is Carol Malysz, the organization's executive director since 2017 who has guided RI Bio in its groundbreaking new ventures. Since she started with the organization, Malysz has led its development and growth, positioning RI Bio as a leading trade association, recognized both regionally and nationally.

The organization is focused on both expanding the industry while preparing it for the future by providing mentoring and advisory services to local life sciences entrepreneurs.

Malysz and RI Bio will continue to achieve growth and success as she follows the approach that drives her.

To make Rhode Island a more attractive place for businesses and residents, the state has invested deeply in creating a life sciences hub, renewing purpose in what was known as the Jewelry District in the state's capital city. In May 2023, executives from Lifespan Corp. and Care New England Health System, as well as Brown University and the University of Rhode Island,

spoke before the House Finance Committee in favor of a proposed "hub" that would establish a quasi-public corporate body and state agency tasked with overseeing life sciences and biotech development in Rhode Island.

In his 2023 State of the State address, Gov. Daniel J. McKee said that Rhode Island "was ready" to become a leader in the life sciences industry.

"I'm so excited to be part of the unprecedented life sciences growth and investment currently happening in Rhode Island," Malysz said. "Our state's bioscience sector is on the move. I see a very bright future ahead for RI Bio and for our state's life sciences community."

Malysz acknowledges that her work hasn't been without its challenges, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, when the future was uncertain for everyone.

"In the last few years, our resilience has been tested more than ever," she said. "As a leader, I believe that during times like these it's important to help others tap into hidden reserves of courage and strength they didn't know they had." ■

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