



## **Texas Healthcare & Bioscience Institute Hosting the Texas Life Sciences Summit 2024**

Austin, Texas - February 26, 2024 - [Texas Healthcare & Bioscience Institute \(THBI\)](#) will host the first-ever Texas Life Sciences Summit, set to take place on Tuesday, April 2, at the Omni Austin Hotel Downtown. The event is co-hosted by Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) and presented by Lyda Hill Philanthropies. The summit provides the Texas life science community a unique opportunity to come together to network and collaborate with state leaders for the continued growth and development of this important Texas industry.

Texas is one of the leading biotech states in the country. In 2021, [Texas had more than 116,000 employees across 7,462 business establishments](#) in the life sciences and biotech industry, and it continues to grow at a rapid rate; between 2018 and 2021, industry employment grew by 15 percent, outpacing national industry growth. The Texas Life Sciences Summit will bring together state leaders, life science and biotech companies, economic development organizations, academic institutions, and service providers for the purpose of generating statewide synergy and collaboration in an industry that is "Building the Innovations of Tomorrow."

[The Texas Life Sciences Summit](#) will feature a dynamic lineup of keynote presentations and panel discussions exploring industry accomplishments, the life science and biotech workforce needs and job training programs working to address them, and efforts supporting researchers and early-stage companies that are successfully bringing new products and innovations to the healthcare and life sciences marketplace in Texas.

Scheduled speakers include Commissioner Harrison Keller of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Commissioner Joe Esparza of the Texas Workforce Commission, and keynote speaker Executive Director Adriana Cruz of the Office of the Governor's Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

"The life science and biotech industry is one of the most significant industries in Texas, creating innovations that improve and often save the lives of Texas patients every day", said Victoria Ford, President, and CEO of THBI. "Our summit is designed to bring industry and state leaders together to identify current challenges and to foster partnerships and solutions that will enable this industry to continue to build the innovations of tomorrow."

The Texas Life Sciences Summit is open to professionals across the healthcare and bioscience spectrum, including executives, entrepreneurs, researchers, investors, policymakers, and academia. The Summit will include panel discussions, company expo, industry partnership meetings, and an industry networking reception. To register for the Texas Life Sciences Summit, please visit the official website at [www.thbi.com/txsummit](http://www.thbi.com/txsummit). Early bird pricing is available now through March 1.



**About THBI:**

The Texas Healthcare & Bioscience Institute (THBI) is the state's trade association for healthcare and bioscience. THBI's membership structure is designed to represent the needs and interests of entities working across the entire life science spectrum, both large and small, to effectively address the public policy needs of Texas' growing life sciences community.

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