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### **SUMMARY**

Thirty-five years of experience in biology. Lipscomb Distinguished Professor of Agriculture at Arkansas State University; CEO of two biotechnology start-up companies; Previously, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Transfer at ASU; Program Director in Molecular and Cellular Biosciences at the National Science Foundation: Leader in forming one of the world's foremost transgenic plant research groups at ProdiGene, a plant biotechnology company; Director of the cell biology group for plant production of therapeutic proteins at Pioneer Hi-Bred International, a Fortune 500 Company; Internationally recognized for research program and associated expertise as evidenced by over 80 publications and patents as well as invitations to speak nationally and internationally; Advisor for Biotechnology graduate programs; Ph.D.in Plant biology awarded by Washington University and Master of Science in Botany awarded by Oklahoma State University.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY—Jonesboro, Arkansas

Lipscomb Distinguished Professor of Agriculture (2008-present)

- Chair, AR Research Alliance conference on Bioenergy and Biobased Products, Oct. 2011
- Senior faculty in agricultural biotechnology
- Director, Center of Excellence for Bio-products—ad hoc faculty research group
- Managed \$3.7 million DOE research grant for enzymes in plants
- Research cluster lead for statewide NSF EPSCoR grant
- Teach plant biotechnology, graduate orientation, experiment to patent, and advanced cell biology
- Honors program representative for college
- PRT and graduate committees in college
- Chair of Institutional Biosafety Committee

Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Transfer. (2004-2008)

Chief research officer for ASU responsible for grant proposal submissions; funding information dissemination; committees for compliance with federal guidelines in research; implementation of conflict of interest policy, contracts, invention disclosures and patent filing, and technology transfer in the interest of regional economic development.

- Set up research office functions
- Established the ASU Research and Innovation Foundation and associated infrastructure (501.c3)
- Instituted an Intellectual Property policy
- Instituted a Conflict of Interest and Commitment policy
- Filed 8 patent applications based on invention disclosures, a new activity for ASU
- Led discussions on Business Incubator and Research Park implementation plan
- Instituted an ORTT Newsletter
- Composed new RFPs for internal funding sources
- Generated database for pre-award tracking and reporting
- Managed government relations for Congressionally directed funding
  - o \$6 MM in FY 2005
  - o \$7 MM in FY 2006
  - \$4 MM in FY 2007 (Dept. of Defense and Homeland Security)
  - \$3.5 MM with Dept. of Energy
- Spear-headed Symposium and Workshop on Identity Solutions with grant from AR Science and Technology Authority.
- Spear-headed effort to secure state-wide EPSCOR infrastructure grant from NSF
- Mentored 3 start-up technology companies.

### 2004-present

- Established research investment with indirect cost recovery budget.
- Established an active research laboratory in plant-based enzyme production technologies.

## INFINITE ENZYMES, LLC—Jonesboro, AR

<u>CEO</u>, Responsible for fund-raising and scientific decisions as well as partnerships Incorporated company in July, 2006 to commercialize enzymes for industrial applications; Currently addressing issues for cost-effective enzymes for the cellulosic ethanol industry

- Raised and leveraged state funds to develop transgenic corn lines for production
- Received 2 Phase I SBIR grants and one Phase II
- Four grain production fields completed
- Organized collaborators and licenses to accomplish production
- First sales accomplished fall 2012
- Manage collaborations to establish new products
- Initiated de-regulation discussions and implementation

# INFINITE-EVERSOLE STRATEGIC CROP SERVICES, LLC—Jonesboro, AR 2009-present

<u>CEO</u>, Responsible for agreements, budget, grant-writing and scientific consultation with programmers Incorporated company in April, 2009, as a joint venture between Infinite Enzymes and Eversole Associates to address issues in deregulation of Specialty Crops and for small crop developers

- Funded through USDA SBIR Phase I (2009)
- Collaborative research to establish new paradigm for achieving non-regulated status for transgenic crops
- Set up agreements among participants—NDAs, letters of intent, MOUs, subaward agreements
- Filed first patent application for business model

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION – Arlington, Virginia

Program Director, Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, Signal Transduction/Cellular Regulation program Responsible for funding decisions on proposals submitted to the NSF from non-industry groups. Worked with colleagues to assign proposals to appropriate panels, solicit peer reviews, assemble and direct review panels, make funding decisions, manage program budget (~\$10 million). Conducted site visits and outreach

# PRODIGENE - College Station, Texas

Consultant, Industrial Proteins (2003-2004)

Responsible for oversight and advice for the industrial enzymes program; assisted with progress reports, strategy, grant writing and project review.

## Principal Investigator, SBIR grants, Industrial Proteins (2003)

Responsible for achieving objectives laid out in each of 2 Phase I SBIR awards from the USDA. Projects: 1) Cellulases for Biomass Conversion from the Transgenic Maize Production System; and 2) Efficacy of Recombinant Redox Enzymes from Corn in Wood and Textile Applications.

- Wrote applications meriting the awards—two awards from one panel.
- Organized applications trials for two redox enzymes with three collaborators and established contracts.
- Organized employees at ProdiGene to develop and perform assays to determine expression of cellulases in transgenic maize.
- Wrote successful Phase II application for the cellulase project.

## Vice President, Industrial Proteins Business Unit (2002)

Responsible for setting business unit goals and writing the business plan for this unit within ProdiGene Established and maintained business unit budget; Managed the program in biomass conversion.

- Developed the product plan for two protein products from research and negotiated a contract for commercialization of products developed through a collaborator.
- Established and managed contractual applications-testing in numerous industries resulting in identification of lucrative product markets to pursue.
- Established and managed critical contracts for research collaborations resulting in added value to the company.
- Evaluated invention disclosures and filed intellectual property documentation.

### 2006-present

# 2003-2004

# 1997 - 2004

- Participated fully in the management of the company and represented the company and business unit at scientific and trade meetings generating increased interest in the company.
- Assembled a deregulation package for first product to present to USDA, meeting all time and budgetary constraints.

### Vice President, Technology (1999 - 2002)

Responsible for setting priorities and goals for 30 full and part-time staff; Functional groups included: Molecular Biology, Transformation, Biochemistry, Genetics, Greenhouse, Laboratory Support Services and New Technologies.

- Developed, implemented and managed a technology program that addressed goals in foreign protein expression, plant health and research efficiency.
- Represented the company in developing new collaborative efforts by presenting talks on the technology of the company, developing collaborator confidence in company technology.
- Reviewed and implemented programs that improved the efficiency of the process for developing products in the research group.
- Wrote business rules for, implemented and managed database for company research groups that contained over two million entries.
- Managed product projects for major company collaboration on two products, motivating the collaborator to increase the project numbers three-fold.
- Acted as liaison with outside patent counsel for searches, disclosures and patent writing.
- Developed a program in biomass conversion that encompassed design of research, applications for funding, gathering tools and identification of collaborators.

## Director, Cell Biology (1997 - 1999)

- Developed and implemented a transformation system for maize suitable for commercial production of protein products.
- Hired personnel and set up group to perform transformation and cell biology experiments, including DNA hybridization screening of transgenic plants.
- Led effort to achieve USDA approval for greenhouse and laboratory facilities to conduct experiments with transgenic plants.
- Designed the laboratory layout and greenhouse for new building. Set up greenhouse operations in first ProdiGene location.

## **PIONEER HI-BRED INTERNATIONAL - Johnston, IA**

Research Manager, Cell Biology

- Set up cell biology group for new functional area, Protein Products, within Pioneer research.
- Set up transformation systems for soybean, canola and corn.
- Redesigned laboratory for more efficient use of space and to allow addition of equipment.
- Managed product development for first Protein Products collaborator comprising four products. One of the products, *avidin*, was the first protein commercialized from a transgenic plant. βglucuronidase and trypsin were the second and third protein products commercialized from transgenic plants. Aprotinin was the fourth.

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY, Logan UT Assistant Professor of Biology	1988 – 1994
SWEDISH UNIV. OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, Uppsala, Sweden Visiting Researcher	1988
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, St. Louis MO Ph.D. student and Post-doctoral research associate	1981 - 1988
EDUCATION	
Ph.D. Washington University, St. Louis, MO, Plant Biology	1985

Ph.D. Washington University, St. Louis, MO, Plant Biology	1985
M.S. Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK, Botany	1980
B.A. University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, Sociology	1974

## 1994 - 1996

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# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011-present `	Advisory Board, AR Advanced Energy Foundation
2009-present	Advisory Board, AgBioWorks Foundation
2011	Chair, ARA conference on Biobased Products and Bioenergy
2002-present	Advisory Board, Plant Biotechnology Journal
2005-2007	Handling Editor, Reviews Editor, Plant Biotechnology Journal
2004-present	Specialty Crops Regulatory Assistance Executive Committee
1990-present	Grant Panels: USDA Risk Assessment; NSF BES; Teacher Preparation and
	Enhancement; USDA Non-Food Uses of Crops; NSFMRI
2003-Present	Editorial Board, Transgenic Research
2000-2007	Member, Faculty of 1000, Agricultural Biotechnology
2000-2003	Editorial Board, Molecular Breeding
2002-2005	Advisory Board-TAMU Institute of Food Science and Engineering
2000-2002	Member, TAMU, Center for Nutrition, Health and Food Genomics
2000	Workshop organizer, IBC conference; Agricultural Genomics
2000-2002	Advisor, Univ. of South Carolina Professional Master's Program
1999	Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Biology, Texas A&M University
1997-2005	Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Biochem/Biophys Texas A&M Univ.
1997-2004	TAMU Molec and Environmental Plant Sciences (MEPS) Faculty
1992	Specialist on Review Panel; Nordic Fund, Sweden

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Renewable resources—particularly biomass to biobased products

Foreign gene expression in transgenic plants Plant cell wall structure and function Plant cell biology and protein targeting

## HONORS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Academic Professional of the Year, Who's Who Worldwide 2012 Fellow, American Society of Plant Biologists, 2010 Member, American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB) 1977-present Chair, Board of Trustees, ASPB 2004-2005; Board of Trustees, ASPB 2002-2005 Candidate for President, ASPB 2002 Executive Committee, ASPB 2002, 2005 Chair, ASPB Women in Plant Biology Committee, 2001-2002 Member, International Society for Plant Molecular Biology Member, Society for In Vitro Biology 2000-Woman to Watch, Business & Professional Women, Brazos County, TX Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi

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