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## **SUSAN R. WINDHAM-BANNISTER, PH.D.**

**On May 28, 2008, Dr. Susan Windham-Bannister was appointed by the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center Board of Directors to be the Center's first President and CEO. She officially assumed that position in July, 2008.**

**The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center is a quasi-public entity created by the Legislature in 2006 to promote the life sciences within Massachusetts. The Center is at the heart of the state's new \$1 billion life sciences law and is fast becoming the hub of connectivity for all sectors of the life sciences community - encouraging unprecedented public-private collaboration among industry, research, academia and government. The Center is making strategic investments in our life sciences workforce and in translational research at critical stages of the development cycle. These investments will foster and grow the Massachusetts life sciences Super Cluster, cultivating innovation at institutions whose research, development and commercialization of therapies, products and cures hold great promise for improving and saving lives.**

**Dr. Windham-Bannister is former Managing Vice President of the Commercial Strategy Group for Abt Bio-Pharma Solutions Inc. In that capacity, she managed a research-based consulting business that provides consulting services to firms in the life sciences -- health care delivery, pharmaceuticals, biotech, diagnostics, devices and healthcare information technology.**

**Dr. Windham-Bannister was a member of Abt Bio-Pharma Solutions' corporate management team, and a founding member of the commercial division of Abt Associates, the parent company.**

**Dr. Windham-Bannister has 35 years of consulting experience in life sciences and has worked with companies that represent all major industry sectors. A partial list of her clients includes Siemens Diagnostics, Roche, Pfizer, Genzyme, Eyetech, Sopherion, Sanofi, Novartis, Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Tufts Medical Center, GE Healthcare, The American Cancer Society and The W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Within her client organizations, Dr. Windham-Bannister most often works with executive level management and/or Boards of Directors on assessment of market opportunities and commercialization strategy.**

**Dr. Windham-Bannister has co-authored two books: *Competitive Strategy for Health Care Organizations* and *Medicaid and Other Experiments in State Health Policy*. She also has written several articles on competition in today's health care marketplace.**

**She sits on a variety of Boards of Directors and is a frequent speaker and panelist at conferences on competitive strategy.**

**Dr. Windham-Bannister holds a B.A. from Wellesley College, a doctorate in health policy and management from the Heller School at Brandeis University, and was a post-doctoral fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School. She completed her doctoral work under a fellowship from the Ford Foundation.**