

As a region we recognize we are significantly greater than the sum of our parts – **IF WE COLLABORATE!**

Our leaders in the region also recognize the synergism and opportunity. The following collaboration statement was developed to support regional collaboration:

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL COLLABORATION**

*“We recognize the value and importance of collaboration and the multiple benefits that can emerge. Collaboration provides our region strategic advantage and economic benefit as we compete nationally and globally.*

*Moreover, collaboration many times requires leadership which consistently motivates, nurtures, models, incents, and permits it to occur on an ongoing basis.*

*We, the undersigned, believe that collaboration, at all levels, within our organizations and between our institutions is absolutely essential for our region to realize its greatest potential, to leverage resources and to bring maximum benefit to all our citizens.*

*Furthermore, we commit that we will work regionally for our institutions to work collaboratively when appropriate. And, we will strive to remove barriers stifling broad collaboration so as to give our individual researchers and institutions the greatest opportunities for success.”*

This statement was signed by our regional Chancellors, Presidents and CEO’s including:

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President and CEO  
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