A MODEL OF DISCOVERY

As a facilitator of interdisciplinary endeavors, Discovery Park also is being recognized as a model for forward-thinking in technological economic development.

Its mission is to use innovative interdisciplinary research to lead science, shape and engage industry, change the way people work and improve the quality of life.

Alan Rebar, executive director of Discovery Park, says the park is expanding how Purdue defines itself. "Through Discovery Park, we are reinventing the land-grant university concept for the 21st century," he says. "This $250 million campus research enterprise is bringing together the most dynamic projects and innovative researchers to make basic discoveries available to advance the Indiana economy and solve societal problems by inventing new products and processes."

DISCOVERY PARK NOW COMPRISEx 10 CENTERS:

- Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship.
- e-Enterprise Center.
- Center for Advanced Manufacturing.
- Birck Nanotechnology Center.
- Bindley Bioscience Center.
- Discovery Learning Center.
- The Cyber Center.
- Center for the Environment.
- Oncological Sciences Center.
- Energy Center.

By the end of this year, Discovery Park is slated to have completed five interdisciplinary research buildings; 3,000 students involved in entrepreneurial activities; 500 faculty involved in interdisciplinary research; $25 million per year in sponsored research funding; $10 million per year in recurring infrastructure support; eight new startup companies; 20 new ventures supported within existing companies; and 20 corporate partners.