

Bryan, CS Councils Approve BioCorridor Agreement

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Bryan and [College](#) Station's city council have approved an inter-local agreement that councilmembers are calling a "game-changer" for the area.

The deal brings the two sides together in the build-out of the Research Valley BioCorridor, the path from the [University](#) Drive-Wellborn intersection to the A&M Health Science on Highway 47

For the first time, the borders will be erased and the two cities plan to [work together](#) to be the site of some major medical discoveries.

Medical companies are already calling the Brazos Valley [home](#) like the National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing---a facility that produces and uses portable mini-labs to make vaccines.

"Basically we are bringing the pharmaceutical [industry](#) for the first time to Texas. It's an amazing thing," said Chris Peterson with The Research Valley Partnership.

Bryan and College Station decided to erase city lines and work as a team to attract multi-million dollar bio-medical facilities to bring in revenue, build tax base, and attract high-paying jobs.

"This is probably the biggest thing that has happened in our community since Texas A&M University opened up, in my opinion. You have the east coast and west coast with pharmaceuticals. Now you are going to have the Gulf Coast and A&M and Aggieland and The Research Valley Partnership area here," said Bryan Mayor Jason Bienski.

"We already probably have 60,70 or 80 inter-local agreements that relate to all sorts of things, but this is definitely the largest. I think this is going to be the one we see the biggest pay-off from," said College Station Mayor Nancy Berry.

"It's going to be a project that we are going to be working on for the next 25-30 years so it's exciting. We already have [companies](#) that are locating here now, that have already stuck their toe in the water and are already operational. We see more and more companies expressing interest everyday," said Peterson.

City leaders from Bryan and College Station say the [plan](#) is a win-win for the Brazos Valley.

