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Rhode Island was well represented at the 2007 BIO convention, held this week in Boston. For the first time in the convention's 14-year-history, Rhode Island participated in the event, hosting an exhibit with 23 of the state's leading health and life sciences companies, research organizations, academic institutions and government agencies. [\[more\]](#)

State New Economy Index Author Discusses Rhode Island's Innovation Economy at STAC Meeting

Robert Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation and author of *The 2007 State New Economy Index*, discussed Rhode Island's ranking among the "Top Five Movers" at the April 25 meeting of the Rhode Island Science and Technology Advisory Council, held at the State House. [\[more\]](#)

R.I. First "Well State" in the Nation

The Wellness Councils of America (WELCOA) chose Rhode Island as the first Well State in the nation last month. The Ocean State is leading the nation in worksite wellness activities, with 20 percent of the state's workforce (more than 100,000 people) employed by organizations that have received a Well Workplace award from WELCOA. [\[more\]](#)