

## Governor Nixon Presents Local Company with 2010 Technology Company of the Year Award

### Drexel Missouri's InnovaPrep LLC Honored for Outstanding Technology

Kansas City MO, (September 16, 2010) – During a luncheon at Crown Center Thursday, Governor Jay Nixon presented the 2010 Governor's Technology Company of the Year Award to InnovaPrep LLC, of Drexel MO, a manufacturer and integrator of biological sampling and concentration systems. InnovaPrep was nominated by Missouri Technology Corporation (MTC) and the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED).



Governor Nixon stated, "InnovaPrep is commercializing a collection of disruptive technologies for rapid, automated concentration of biological particles. The primary utility for these technologies is to greatly improve the way biological samples, especially those containing pathogenic organisms, are prepared for analysis beyond the state-of-the-art. InnovaPrep's technology is currently being integrated into Homeland Security, biodefense and environmental programs and is working its way into Food and Drug contamination monitoring and the medical diagnostics industry as well. The technology has application anywhere monitoring pathogens is important."

InnovaPrep is leading the industry in moving to the next generation of sample collection, preparation and concentration by providing numerous patented products. InnovaPrep's products are being used, integrated and/or evaluated by the U.S. Government, Military and Canadian Government, as well as several companies and universities in the U.S. and internationally. The InnovaPrep sample preparation and concentration process was invented in 2007 at AlburtyLab, Inc., an Aerosol Research laboratory, also of Drexel in cooperation with Andrew Page of Page Applied Research LLC of Kansas City, MO. The InnovaPrep Division was formed at the lab to organize R&D that focused on the InnovaPrep process. InnovaPrep became a separate company in June, 2009 and currently employs eight. "We are growing organically based on revenue from sales, grants, and open innovation." said David Alburty, CEO of both AlburtyLab and InnovaPrep.

Mr. Alburty and Mr. Page, now President and CTO of InnovaPrep, have their roots in the biodefense industry as staff scientists at Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City.

Drexel, population 1060, is located about a half hour south of Kansas City. InnovaPrep is committed to adding to the economic landscape of Drexel, "It's an overnight shipping, internet and virtual world. High tech can be based just about anywhere these days" said Mr. Alburty.

