

IDEAS—AWARDS

Appreciation Award to Eva Klein, from AURP

In October 2009, the Association of University Research Parks award an Appreciation Award to Eva Klein for her many years of service to AURP and, more importantly, for her years of service to universities in the creation of new strategies for economic development and *engagement*, in which parks are an element.



New Orleans Regional Biosciences Strategy

In 2007, via EKA, Eva Klein and Bill Morlok led a team to help the many public, private, and academic stakeholders in post-Katrina New Orleans to create a regional strategy for the Biosciences, in which the physical center of activities was New Orleans Medical District. That year, the US Economic Development Administration honored this *Strategic Plan* with the award for excellence in the category of Economic Adjustment Strategies.

Center for Emerging Technologies, St. Louis

EKA has provided planning and strategy to this program during more than a decade. In 1997, EKA produced the first *Strategic Business Plan* for this then-new program and facility to focus on biomedical and life sciences commercialization and entrepreneurship. In 1999, EKA provided the Center with facilitation, to update the Plan. Again in 2006, EKA provided another consultation to assist the Center in planning its Phase 3, and to provide related market and development strategies for CORTEX, now under development as a life sciences district, adjacent to the Center's campus.

We are proud that the Center for Emerging Technologies has achieved recognition as one of the Top 10 Incubators in the US (National Business Incubation Association, 2003) and an award of excellence from the US Economic Development Association.