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### **Skanska's Nathan Gibson Appointed to Chair Oregon Bioscience Association Board**

**BEAVERTON, Ore., July 23, 2008** – Nathan Gibson, Senior Director of Business Development in the Oregon office of Skanska USA Building Inc., has been appointed to chairperson of the Oregon Bioscience Association's (OBA) board of directors. Gibson will begin serving as chair elect immediately and will become chairperson January 1, 2009.

“Nathan has shown a great deal of passion and dedication for the Oregon bioscience community,” said OBA Executive Director Bob Lanier. “His proven leadership skills will be instrumental in furthering the significant progress made under the current Board Chair Bill Newman. Our programs and much larger membership are poised to be taken to the next level.”

Gibson has served on the OBA board since 2007 and during that time has created and chaired its Financial Resources Committee, a task force designed to improve the success of bioscience companies seeking funding as well as the visibility of the industry within the investment community.

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As the senior director of business development for Skanska, Gibson leads acquisition of new business, expansion of work with existing clients, public relations and communications efforts for the company's Oregon office.

Prior to joining Skanska in 2004, Gibson spent more than 15 years leading the business development, operations, and marketing efforts of several companies, from startups to well-established corporations. Gibson, a professionally licensed mechanical engineer, is an Oregon native and graduated from Oregon State University.

#### **About Skanska USA Building Inc.**

Skanska USA Building Inc. is a leading national and local provider of construction, pre-construction consulting, general contracting and design-build services to a broad range of U.S. industries including life sciences, healthcare, education, high-tech, aviation, transportation and sports and entertainment. Skanska USA Building also provides pharmaceutical validation services to clients. The company, part of the Skanska AB global group of companies, is headquartered in Parsippany, New Jersey, and has approximately 4700 employees.

Skanska is one of the world's leading construction groups with expertise in construction, development of commercial and residential projects and public-private partnerships. The Group currently has 60,000 employees in selected home markets in Europe, in the U.S. and Latin America. Headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden and listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange, Skanska's sales in 2007 totaled \$20 billion.

#### **About Oregon Biosciences Association**

OBA's mission is to promote the growth and quality of the bioscience industry in Oregon by supporting its membership and the bioscience cluster to achieve their full scientific, economic and social potential. OBA achieves its mission through networking, workforce skills and knowledge, infrastructure, and funding for our industry. [www.oregonbio.org](http://www.oregonbio.org)

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