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## **San Joaquin County Chosen as Newest Innovation Hub in California**

(STOCKTON, CA - October 8, 2013) San Joaquin County has been designated by the State as one the newest innovation hubs in California. With the addition of iHub SJ there are now 16 iHubs throughout the State stretching from San Diego to San Francisco.

iHub SJ will be dedicated to supporting and advancing innovative and emerging technologies and businesses in the core areas of Health Care, Construction and Agribusiness Technologies. iHub SJ's primary mission is to:

- Accelerate the “research to care cycle” and support the development of tools that will improve access to and delivery of health care services;
- Develop innovative construction methods and technologies by employing strategies that reduce the building industry's carbon footprint and its consumption of natural resources; and
- Foster innovation in clean, affordable ag-technology, promote their application, and improve occupational safety.

Ken Vogel, Chairman of the San Joaquin Board of Supervisors stated ***“This is a very exciting time in San Joaquin County. We are pleased that the State has recognized that San Joaquin County is primed to incubate and bolster businesses that support innovation and job creation for key drivers in our County, including our \$2.8 billion agribusiness sector”***.

***“This iHub designation reinforces the proven commitment from the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors that promoting innovation and economic development partnerships in San Joaquin County is a winning strategy,”*** said County Administrator, Monica Nino.

As part of the iHub designation, San Joaquin County will be partnering with local governments, private sector businesses, academia and community service organizations to improve local and state competitiveness.

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