



**A Vision for the Somerset County New Jersey
Life Sciences Center and Sleep for Life Research Institute
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The Somerset County Business Partnership, in cooperation with Somerset Medical Center, is leading an effort to establish a Somerset County Life Sciences Center with a Sleep for Life Research Institute component. The Center is anticipated to be located on a portion of the former Somerville Landfill property.

The vision for a Somerset County Life Sciences Center was first identified as one of eight objectives outlined in the Somerset County Business Partnership's Life Sciences Industry Business Plan which was published in February of 2006. The Somerset County Life Sciences Center will create a focal point for the life sciences industry in Somerset County.

The Somerset County Life Sciences Center will bring together patient diagnosis and treatment (Sleep for Life Research Institute), physician and allied health care professional training, academic resources, and private commercial enterprises, creating a world class environment for the life sciences in Somerset County New Jersey.

A major component of the Life Sciences Center will be the establishment of a Somerset County Sleep for Life Research Institute. Sleep disorders analysis and treatment is a national initiative of Somerset Medical Center. It is envisioned that the Sleep for Life Research Institute component of the Somerset County Life Sciences Center will be known as:

- a world class facility for the training of physicians in sleep disorders analysis and treatment
- a location where patient data from around the world can be received electronically for analysis by world class physicians
- a location where patients can be analyzed for sleep disorders
- a location where leading research into the treatment of sleep disorders will be conducted

The Somerset County Life Sciences Center will contain facilities and resources that are complementary to the Sleep for Life Research Institute, including spaces for:

- research into the treatment of sleep disorders
- private companies that are engaged in therapies for the treatment of sleep disorders
- training facilities for physicians and healthcare providers
- academic spaces for the education of persons employed in the life sciences industry

As a project, the establishment of a Somerset County Life Sciences Center is being led by the Somerset County Business Partnership. The Somerset County Business Partnership has engaged a consultant team to collect and analyze data and information from Somerset Medical Center, the Borough of Somerville, real estate professionals, and life sciences companies, among other sources. An advisory group, comprised of representatives from the aforementioned organizations, has been established and will meet on a regular basis to assist in guiding and further defining this project.