



## **Allen J. Dines - Biographical Sketch**

Mr. Dines is Assistant Director of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Office of Corporate Relations (OCR). Operating within the Office of the Chancellor, the Office of Corporate Relations assists the business community in accessing the diverse resources of the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison). As Assistant Director, he works principally with new ventures and private equity. He serves as Program Manager for OCR's entrepreneurship programs including its Startup Initiative and Wiscontrepreneur program ([www.wiscontrepreneur.org](http://www.wiscontrepreneur.org)) funded in part under the Kauffman Campuses Program of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

Mr. Dines joined the UW-Madison in June 2001 bringing with him more than 25 years of experience in industry and technology management. In his initial position at the university he served as Assistant Director for Business Development, within the Graduate School where his major focus was commercialization of university technology through startup business development and campus entrepreneurship. In 2002, Mr. Dines co-founded the Midwest Research University Network (MRUN), an alliance of 22 Midwest research institutions dedicated to regional cooperation in the commercialization of university research through new business creation. He currently serves as president of MRUN. Mr. Dines serves on advisory boards of the UW-Madison Entrepreneurship Association, the Madison chapter of AIESEC, an international student organization and MERLIN Mentors.

Mr. Dines was founding President and Chief Executive Officer of MitoScan Corporation, a Madison biosensor company that he sold in 2000. MitoScan manufactured and marketed toxicity screening products for use in drug discovery and product safety testing. In 1991, Mr. Dines co-founded BioRenewal Technologies, Inc., where he served as President and CEO. BioRenewal was an environmental biotechnology company providing products and services for bio-remediation. That business was acquired in 1998 by a major laboratory chain.

Mr. Dines came to Wisconsin in 1983, when he joined Agracetus, Inc. as the Director of Business Development. Prior to joining Agracetus, Mr. Dines was an Associate and Staff Manager with Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc. in Bethesda, MD.

Mr. Dines holds degrees from the University of Michigan including a B.S in Psychology, a Master of Business Administration, and a Master of Regional Planning in Natural Resources. In 2004, Mr. Dines was named a Wisconsin Idea Fellow by the UW-System President.