

## **Forsen Joins Bio Nebraska as Assistant Director**

Bio Nebraska Life Sciences Association is pleased to announce that Sasha Forsen has joined its organization as assistant director.



“We are thrilled to add someone of Sasha’s caliber and professionalism to the Bio Nebraska team. As an association, we continuously strive to deliver on our mission to make Nebraska a desired location for bioscience companies and organizations to grow and prosper. I know that the addition of Sasha will improve our ability to deliver on our mission and increase the impact of our association,” said Phil Kozera, Bio Nebraska’s Executive Director.

Sasha brings to Bio Nebraska 15 years of experience, with nearly 10 years working in the biofuels, agriculture, and biotechnology industries. Throughout her career, she has focused on various communication and advocacy efforts, from local to national issues.

Previously, she was the marketing and communications manager for Edeniq, a biotechnology company that develops processes for producing and measuring cellulosic ethanol from corn kernel fiber. Before that, Ms. Forsen managed communication, marketing and advocacy for Omaha ethanol producer Green Plains as well as for the company’s adjacent businesses.

“I’m looking forward to helping Phil continue the important work that Bio Nebraska is doing for the biosciences industry in Nebraska and supporting the organization’s members and initiatives in the state,” said Sasha. “The growth and success of the biosciences is a win for the state, as well as those who want to build, grow and maintain careers in the industry.”

There are several initiatives that are priorities for Bio Nebraska including Nebraska Women in STEM and stronger engagement with secondary and post-secondary education on careers in biotechnology.

“As a board, we understand the importance of continuing the work that began five years ago with a vision to create an industry-led trade association with strong partnerships with academia and government and see the addition of Sasha as an investment in future programming, said Rob Owen, Board Chairman. “We are grateful for the many investors in Bio Nebraska that are allowing our expansion.”