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NSW RESEARCH EXCELLENCE ON WORLD STAGE

NSW is set to showcase the quality of its medical research at the world's biggest biotechnology event - the BIO 2014 International Convention in San Diego.

The NSW Liberal & Nationals Government is investing \$50,000 to sponsor representatives of seven NSW-based companies, medical research institutes, universities and public sector research organisations at the four-day convention, which starts on Monday.

The seven organisations are:

- Viralytics Pty Ltd
- Datapharm Australia Pty Ltd
- Advanced Surgical Design & Manufacture Limited
- Southern Star Research
- CellBank Australia
- George Clinical
- S11 (a consortium of universities from NSW).

Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research Jillian Skinner said the large NSW presence would boost the state's standing in the national and international health and medical research sector.

"I congratulate all those who were successful in applying for NSW Government funding to attend BIO 2014," Mrs Skinner said.

"Attendees will have opportunity to see the latest developments and to network with investors, potential collaborators and industry partners.

"I look forward to hearing the success stories from BIO 2014 and seeing the benefits flow back to NSW."

The NSW Government has taken a booth at the convention to showcase the state's research and medical device capability, as well as its economic and trade strengths.

The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government invests over \$200 million annually in medical research.