New team members help guide the business incubation journey
Meet three, primary contacts for the Nevada Center for Applied Research
and the Biosciences Entrepreneurial Lab

RENO, Nevada – Here are primary contacts for industry and entrepreneurs looking to access the labs, equipment, ideas and discoveries of the University of Nevada, Reno:

- **Ellen Purpus**, assistant vice president for enterprise and innovation, oversees enterprise and commercialization services on the University campus including technology-transfer functions such as patents, licensing, agreements, startups, spin-offs and corporate relations. Over a career that has spanned government to business to academia, Purpus has specialized in connecting research-driven discoveries with the realm of commercialization. She came to the University from The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia where, as director of the Office of Technology Transfer, she oversaw creation of the hospital's first startup and was integral to the hospital's participation in the Centers for Therapeutic Innovation network.

  After earning her doctorate in pathology and cell biology at Thomas Jefferson University in Pennsylvania, Purpus completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Cancer Institute and interned at the National Institutes of Health Office of Technology Transfer in Bethesda, Maryland. Her career includes roles at the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, Indiana University in Bloomington and The Ohio State University. She is active in the Association of University Technology Managers American Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

  Reporting to Purpus are Jim Sacherman, director of the University of Nevada, Reno Innovation Center—Powered by Switch; Sandy Haslem, director of Nevada Industry Excellence; and Carlos Cardillo, director of the Nevada Center for Applied Research.

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- **Carlos Cardillo**, director of the Nevada Center for Applied Research, oversees efforts to make the University’s broad range of technical services and resources available to industry and entrepreneurs. NCAR is supported by the State of Nevada Knowledge Fund and the Governor’s Office of Economic Development. It encompasses the new Biosciences Entrepreneurial Lab as well as a network of the University’s sophisticated laboratories, centers and makerspaces, collectively known as the Shared Research Facilities.

  Cardillo has served as research director in startup companies in Reno and for the Department of Defense, as vice president for R&D for a research institute in New York and as chief financial officer for a startup medical company in New York. As a researcher, Cardillo successfully implemented large programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Department of Defense, and managed industrial research programs in mining operations, semiconductor manufacturing and drug development. As a systems engineer and biostatistician, Cardillo has contributed to the design and development of a variety of systems including telemedicine, EEG data-management, drug and diagnosis database and brain-function monitoring.

  Cardillo earned a doctoral degree in health science research at Trident University International in California, a master’s degree in biostatistics at New York Medical College and a bachelor’s degree in system engineering at National University of the Northeast in Argentina.

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Rebecca Albion, Shared Research Facilities coordinator, has a long, professional history in the laboratory sciences. Prior to joining NCAR as the Shared Research Facilities coordinator, Albion spent 11 years conducting research and managing a laboratory in the University’s Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department. Albion holds a bachelor’s degree in environmental science with an emphasis in biology from Northern Arizona University.

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For more information about the University’s Center for Applied Research and Biosciences Entrepreneurial Lab, visit www.unr.edu/ncar.

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