Mission and Vision

The mission of the Office of Innovation is to support the transformation of NIU ideas from *inception to impact*.

We envision a thriving innovation ecosystem focusing on *inclusivity, approachability*, and *societal benefit*. 
Near Term Strategic Focus

Developing an **inclusive culture** of innovation across the NIU campus and broader community

Investing in and developing **critical enablers** that help catalyze and drive innovation ecosystem growth

Supporting **strategic development**
71 North Partnership Studio

- Center of gravity for Office activities
- Coworking and collaborative innovation space industry partners, faculty, students, alumni, and community members
- Incubation space for NIU and community startups
- Lease revenue reinvested into innovation programs
Innovation Programming

- Incubation
- Innovation Hours
- Catalytic Coffee
- Innovation Conversation Series
- **STARS Faculty Academy**
- Innovation Club
- I-Fund
- Innovation Fellows
Anticipating the launch of two medical device products within the next two years

• Noise cancelling incubator system for use in neonatal intensive care units
  – Undergoes FDA submission this August

• Imaging system for proton therapy in cancer patients
  – Expected to undergo regulatory submission this calendar year
Supporting Strategic Development

• Emerging Research Initiative
• Community Project Fund
• Trustee Pritchard’s outreach

IMPACT:
$660k Congressionally approved appropriation

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Closing Comments

• Employing a “whole of ecosystem” strategy
• Focused on innovation inclusivity
• Driving NIU ideas from inception to impact