

## **Battelle National Biodefense Institute Awarded 10-Year National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center Contract**

**FREDERICK, MD (September 22, 2015)** - The Battelle National Biodefense Institute has been awarded a new 10-year management and operations contract for the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate.

"BNBI's new contract was awarded as the result of a highly competitive process," said BNBI President, Dr. Patrick Fitch. "Our team has delivered impactful high quality science for the NBACC mission while maintaining safe, secure and compliant operations. This a winning team in every respect and we are excited to build on this strong foundation and move NBACC forward with DHS."

BNBI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Battelle, was awarded the initial NBACC management and operations contract in December 2006. In addition to managing the DHS lab located on Fort Detrick, BNBI has been a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education leader in central Maryland.

The new contract is a series of five, one-year contracts each with a one-year award term extension. If fully executed, the contract will be valued at more than \$480 million over the next 10 years.