

Bay Area is rich in biotech companies

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If you live in the Bay Area, chances are good that you're close to a company with biotechnology ties.

The Bay Area, where the biotech industry was born in the 1970s, remains the world's largest cluster of biotech enterprise.

Alongside the well-known biotech companies that sell remedies for cancer and HIV are old-style pharmaceutical pillmakers that evolved into producers of complex biological drugs, engineering firms making biochips to diagnose diseases, and homeland security contractors that make bioweapons detectors.

Rounding out the region's rich industrial ecosystem are top academic centers of life sciences research; training centers for biotech workers; drug development and medical device companies; manufacturers of research tools; biofuels inventors; consumer genome-testing services; and biotech financial backers such as venture capital firms.

The map below is just a sample of that biodiversity.

