



## **Plant Sensory Systems and Towson University Receive a Phase II Partnership Grant from The Maryland Industrial Partnerships (MIPS) Program for the “Production of Nematode Resistant Soybean”**

BALTIMORE, Maryland (January 9, 2012) – Plant Sensory Systems, LLC, in partnership with Dr. Nadim Alkharouf of Towson University, has been awarded a Phase II grant from The Maryland Industrial Partnerships Program (MIPS). The award extends the team’s work on the development of nematode-resistant soybean, which uses the Nitrogen Use Efficiency and Stress Tolerance (NUEST) technology developed by Plant Sensory Systems. “The soybean cyst nematode is the most destructive pest affecting the US soybean market,” stated Kathleen Turano, president at Plant Sensory Systems. “This Phase II award is a validation of our progress to date in the development of soybean with nematode protection and enhanced yield. Moreover, the technology, which is likely to be applicable to all plant-parasitic nematodes, would be a value-added trait for all crops.”

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