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## **ABOR, ACA Unveil 'SciVal' – A New Generation Research Tool**

*Database Boosts Research Collaboration among Universities and Private Industry*

**PHOENIX** – The Arizona Board of Regents and the Arizona Commerce Authority are pleased to announce the development of a super-charged research engine that will vastly improve collaboration among our three universities and private industry while attracting research dollars and helping to boost the state's economy.

The **Elsevier's SciVal Experts** is a user-friendly online [Arizona public university research catalog](#) that provides access to real-time research within the state university system (link here for specific databases at [ASU](#), [NAU](#) and [UA](#)), and to the teams of experts who are leading the initiatives.

Like the economy, the research world is becoming increasingly competitive on both a national and global scale. SciVal offers new solutions at the intersection of academia and business, and is designed to give fresh opportunities to university researchers, students, innovative companies, industries and entrepreneurs who are seeking to access the scholarly work and research taking place within Arizona's university system.

"University research plays such an enormous role in driving the state economy," said Eileen I. Klein, ABOR president. "We have aggressive goals aimed at helping Arizona strengthen its position in the global marketplace – one of which is to double university research expenditures to \$2 billion annually by 2020. SciVal will help us attract and retain top-tier research faculty and maximize our ability to attract future research funding."

"This research collaboration between our universities and private industry will help advance critical, cutting-edge R&D already taking place in Arizona," said Sandra Watson, president and chief executive officer of the Arizona Commerce Authority. "SciVal is a powerful tool for Arizona's growing entrepreneurial community, and it has the potential to help attract businesses and advance technology commercialization in the state. That means quality jobs and economic growth."

"Arizona is poised as one of the fastest growing technology hubs in the nation, and research and discovery play an integral role in fostering that growth," said Steven Zylstra, Sci.D. (hon.) president and chief executive officer of the Arizona Technology Council. "SciVal is an important asset as we continue to posture Arizona as a pro-growth, business-focused state."



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At its board meeting this week, ABOR will have a technical expert on hand to provide a demonstration of SciVal for the Regents and the public.

**WHEN:** Thursday, Feb. 6, 8:55 a.m. approximately  
**WHERE:** Arizona State University, Tempe  
Memorial Union, Turquoise Room

The meeting will also stream live at:  
<http://www.azregents.edu/aborlive/default.aspx>

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