

Tamara Goetz was appointed by Governor Jon M. Huntsman as State Science Advisor for the State of Utah.

Prior to her appointment, Goetz served as the director of the Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) Biotechnology Program for six years and helped to create educational programs and resources for students in Utah. After receiving a three-year Advanced Technology Education grant from the National Science Foundation in 2001, Goetz helped to create the 2-year Biotechnology Program at SLCC and a one-year high school Biotechnology Program for juniors and seniors.

Additionally, Goetz led InnovaBio, a student-driven, non-profit contract research company that provides high school and college students with opportunities to work as interns for a life science company. Since its creation, InnovaBio has been nationally recognized as an innovative way to establish partnerships between education and industry, while supporting economic development.

Tamara has also been involved in the U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development Initiative (WIRED), which promotes education and training for life sciences in Utah. She served on the Governor's State Advisory Council for science and technology and also on the Board of Directors for The Leonardo. She was recognized as "40 Under 40 Rising Stars" in 2004 and "30 Women to Watch" in 2007 by Utah Business magazine.

Goetz involvement in science education and research throughout the state adds a dynamic element to the GOED team.