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The Mission of the Office for Technology Commercialization is to translate University of Minnesota research into new products and services that provide growth opportunities for our licensees, benefit the public good, improve the quality of life, and generate revenue to support the University's research and education goals.



**Jay Schrankler** is the Executive Director of OTC, which he joined in April 2007. Prior to joining OTC, Schrankler spent 26 years at Honeywell, where he held key management and executive roles spanning the Aerospace Business to the Automation and Control Solutions business.



**Doug Johnson** is the founding Director of the Venture Center and the founding Director of the Carlson Ventures Enterprise, a component of the M.B.A. program at the Carlson School of Management. He has more than 20 years of experience in the venture capital and investment banking industries.



**Rick Huebsch** leads the Software and Information Technology unit. He joined the OTC in 2008 after spending 20 years in the software industry in various roles, including software engineering, technology strategy, and senior management with Control Data, Open Vision Technologies, Veritas Software, and Symantec.



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**Reggie Bowerman** leads the Life Sciences unit of the OTC. He has more than 23 years of experience at large, small and bio-pharmaceutical companies. His commercial roles include sales, marketing, product management, account management, alliance management, international marketing, and executive leadership positions.



**Rebecca Gerber** is the Chief of Staff as well as a Technology Marketing Manager. She has more than 7 years of experience in various roles at several pharmaceutical companies. Her primary focus has been conducting pharmaceutical market assessments for early-stage compounds as well as orchestrating preparation activities for products that are nearing launch.

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