The NJBIN - NBIA Joint Venture Partnership Kickoff Event on May 3rd, 2010, was a big success. Photos from the event at the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown, NJ.
Lou Cooperhouse, Director, Rutgers Food Innovation Center, gets the event started.

Karen Franzini, CEO, New Jersey Economic Development Authority, was the first speaker and said the day's event recognized that New Jersey is at the forefront of business incubation on a national level.

Peter Reczek, PhD, Executive Director, NJ Commission on Science & Technology, commented that "the association between NJBIN and NBIA can only expand our reach to make New Jersey the number one entrepreneurial state in the United States."

Katherine O'Neil, Executive Director, Jumpstart New Jersey Angel Network, speaking about New Jersey's "powerhouse" of angel investors, and the synergy that is formed as business incubators are continually identifying new high-growth, entrepreneurial companies.
Jim Jaffe, President & CEO, National Association of Seed and Venture Funds, said, “we think a lot of what incubation can do, what money can do, and what cooperation can do. We’re very pleased to be here supporting all of these efforts.”

David Monkman, President & CEO, National Business Incubation Association, said, “the new alliance with NJBIN, NBIA will play a strong advocacy role and will continue to develop a creative approach to business incubation. We want to take a look at the opportunities, to see how we can channel support into the local incubators and the local sponsors.”

Mark Merclean, President of the NJBIN, emphasized the climate of tough competition for New Jersey start-up companies and for the incubators that nurture them. He pointed to the affiliation with NBIA as bringing tremendous strength and support to New Jersey and its economic development efforts.

Mark Merclean (left) and David Monkman (right) signing the agreement between NJBIN and NBIA.