The New Jersey Business Incubation Network (NJBIN) today announced its new slate of officers. They include Suzanne Zammit, president; Ketan N. Gandhi, vice president and treasurer; and Rosa A. Szelega, secretary. Each officer serves for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2011.

“I look forward to working with everyone as a team to help evolve NJBIN to the next level, said Zammit. “I would also like to thank Jerry Creighton for his leadership and accomplishments as NJBIN president during the past year. Thanks to his leadership, we have a firm foundation on which to strengthen our position as a significant force within New Jersey’s economic development ecosystem.”

Suzanne Zammit is incubator manager of the Rutgers Camden Business Incubator. She has had a more than 20-year career of increasing professional responsibility and authority in new product development, sales, marketing, training and management with firms across Southern New Jersey. She joined the Rutgers Camden Technology Campus in September 2007 as program coordinator and was promoted to incubator manager in September 2008. In this role, Zammit attracts, develops and retains new businesses with high growth potential to foster economic growth and business success in Camden and across the region. She provides professional mentoring, business services and management assistance to these early-stage emerging companies and their employees along with access to venture capital and other supportive services. Zammit served as vice president of the NJBIN during 2010-2011. She is enrolled at Rutgers Camden and plans to obtain her MBA in Business Management.

Ketan N. Gandhi is an experienced senior level media executive with more than twenty years of experience in developing profitable business operations. He is currently dean of Corporate College at Burlington County College. Previously, he was president and publisher of Broad Street Publishing and president and publisher of the Home News Tribune and Courier News, where he was recognized as the first publisher of South Asian descent to lead a mainstream American newspaper. He has also served as vice president of finance and online at the New Jersey Group; director of finance at various locations; and controller at the Star-Gazette in Elmira, New York. He holds an MBA from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting from Bombay University. He is a 2011 honoree of Who’s Who in America, a visiting professor at DeVry University, a board member of the Cherry Hill Regional Chamber of Commerce and a former board member of the Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, and the Indian Chamber of Commerce.
Rosa A. Szeliga is the program coordinator for The Commercialization Center for Innovative Technologies (CCIT), the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) incubator facility dedicated to life science and biotechnology companies. She has been associated with CCIT since its opening in 2002. She has served as Secretary of NJBIN for the past two years and holds a Bachelor Degree from Seton Hall University.

The New Jersey Business Incubation Network is a collaborative statewide community of business experts and resource facilities dedicated to enhancing the commercial success of early stage and expansion stage entrepreneurial companies, growing higher paying jobs, and supporting the economic growth strategy for the state. Early stage and expansion stage companies receive critical support services and flexible space in a professional business environment.

Through a partnership with the National Business Incubation Association, NJBIN also offers access to a national network of best practices for business incubators, which helps to maximize the number of successful startups in New Jersey and offers increased federal and state support for business incubators.

New Jersey's incubators make measurable contributions to the state's economy through their support of businesses, primarily in technology and life science sectors. In 2010, the 464 client companies supported by NJBIN incubators created/retained over 1,800 higher paying jobs, generated revenues of $154 million, brought $91 million in 3rd party funding to New Jersey, and graduated 54 self-sustaining companies.