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TECHNOLOGY

State to launch a quantum computing project in Holyoke

The Healey administration has allocated \$5 million in state funds to launch a quantum computing project at the Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center in Holyoke, in partnership with Boston-based QuEra Computing. QuEra, which claims to offer the world's largest publicly accessible quantum computer, is kicking in another \$11 million as part of two-year project to install a neutral-atom quantum computer there, with help from the state grant. (Quantum computers use subatomic particles to process calculations at a faster pace than conventional computers, using less energy.) This complex in Holyoke is aimed at providing research and development access, and to provide hands-on training for students. Economic Development Secretary Yvonne Hao expressed hope that this project will help drive innovation across several important sectors, including biomedical research and financial services. The Mass. Green High Performance Computing Center will manage access to the QuEra system. The state funds are being provided through a grant program overseen by the quasi-public Massachusetts Technology Collaborative. — JON CHESTO

BIOTECH

Biogen gets a new CFO

Biogen chief executive Christopher Viehbacher is promoting the Cambridge-based biotech's chief accounting officer, Robin Kramer, to be its next chief financial officer, now that the current one has announced plans to retire in February. Biogen on Monday announced that Michael McDonnell, executive vice president and CFO, is retiring as of Feb. 28 after four-plus years in the role; Kramer will take over as CFO at that point.