

Innovation Centers

The Missouri Innovation Center Network is a major statewide resource for commercializing Missouri innovations. The centers were created to “provide assistance to individuals and business organizations during the early stages of the development of new technology-based business ventures.”

Missouri innovation centers work closely with their associated universities and are primarily targeted to develop high-growth advanced technology companies. Innovation Centers provide specialized facilities, access to capital, technical and business experts, resources and specialized service providers to these companies.



Center for Emerging Technologies (CET) - St. Louis

Specializing in Life Sciences, CET operates a 92,000 sq ft incubator/accelerator facility offering wet and dry labs, production and office space, shared equipment, conference rooms and amenities. CET Partners extensively with the BioGenerator, CORTEX, The Plant and Life Science Coalition, St. Louis RCGA and Innovate St. Louis.

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Missouri Enterprise - Rolla

The Rolla Innovation Center, operated by Missouri Enterprise is integrated with the NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership. The Center is closely affiliated with MS&T. An incubator facility is available on the MS&T campus with a wet lab and manufacturing lab support.

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Missouri Innovation Center (MIC) - Columbia

MIC specializes in the life science and technology industry cluster, providing new venture creation support to all of the units of the MU, Columbia campus. This includes the MU Life Science Business Incubator at Monsanto Place, a 33,000 sq ft life science business incubator with biomedical and engineering laboratory suites. Access to capital is available through Centennial Investors.

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Southeast Innovation Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship - Cape Girardeau

Located on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University the Center operates a 6,000 sq. ft. incubator for small businesses involved in service, research, technology development, assembly or light manufacturing.

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Newman Business and Technology Innovation Center - Joplin

The Center operates an 11,000 sq ft incubator with general business, light manufacturing and wet lab space. Associated with Missouri Southern State University, the Newman Innovation Center, partnering with the Missouri Center for Advanced Power, assists with research and development of cutting edge power systems as well as educating and training a highly skilled workforce.

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Missouri Rural Enterprise and Innovation Center - Kirksville

MREIC's location near Truman State University and A.T. Still University allows the Center to facilitate resources for the generation of new ventures including innovations in healthy aging and information intensive technologies.

Specializing in rural development, MREIC supports the start-up phase of client ventures whose products include food innovations, construction components, products with military applications, and information intensive security systems.

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Brush Creek Enterprise Center/UMKC Innovation Center - Kansas City

UMKC Innovation Center specializes in assisting commercialization opportunities to market across the Kansas City, MO region. The center fully integrates the SBTDC at UMKC, the Missouri and Heartland PTAC, UM Extension services, and U.S.SourceLink, including MOSourceLink, KCSOURCELINK and StLSOURCELINK, under one umbrella.

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Jordan Valley Innovation Center/Springfield Innovations, Inc - Springfield

Associated with Missouri State University, the mission of Springfield Innovation, Inc. is to support advanced product development with a focus on promoting the competitiveness of Missouri-based industries and supporting technology-based entrepreneurs. Specialties include: nanotechnology, bio-materials, advanced technologies, genomics/proteomics, bio-systems, software engineering and medical material device and instrument technologies.

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Innovation Stockyard - St. Joseph

The Innovation Stockyard is located in and operates the Kit Bond Science and Technology Incubator on the campus of Missouri Western State University. The Incubator supports businesses involved in: animal health and nutrition products and services, basic or applied research, product enhancement, development and/or engineering, pre-pilot, pilot, or proto-type development and human health and nutrition products and services.

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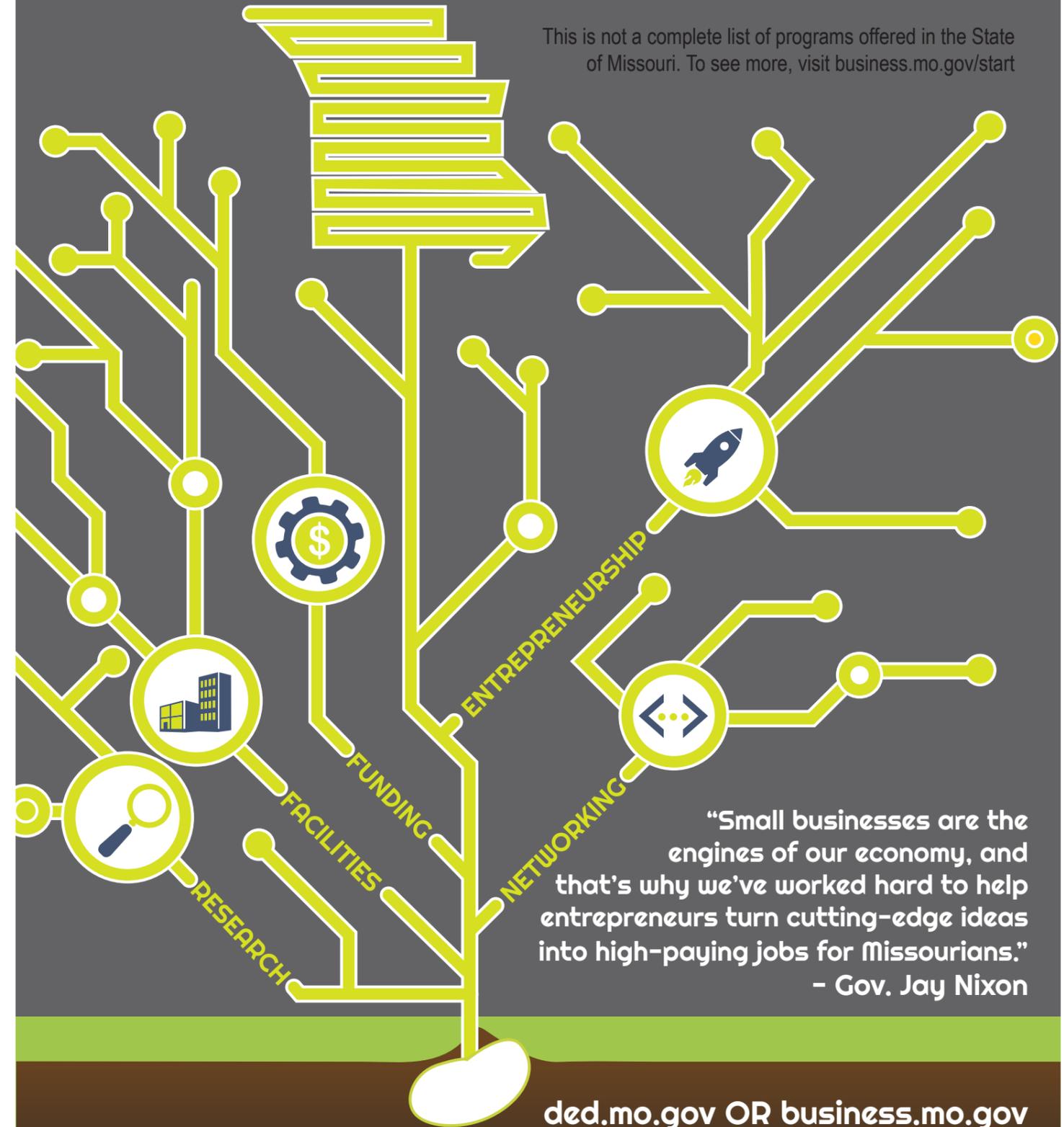
Dean L. Hubbard Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship - Maryville, MO

The Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship is a service-oriented business incubator connecting industry and academics, offering state-of-the-art research facilities, a commercial analytical lab, and tailored support for business acceleration. The CIE contains a state-of-the-art analysis lab and offers contract R&D and drug discovery work in the analysis of biological and environmental samples.

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MISSOURI'S ENTREPRENEURIAL-BASED RESOURCES

This is not a complete list of programs offered in the State of Missouri. To see more, visit business.mo.gov/start



“Small businesses are the engines of our economy, and that’s why we’ve worked hard to help entrepreneurs turn cutting-edge ideas into high-paying jobs for Missourians.”
- Gov. Jay Nixon

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NORTHEAST

*Missouri Rural Enterprise and Innovation Center, located in Kirksville
 Macon County Extension PTAC, located in Macon: BDP
 Moberly Area Community College MO SBTDC, located in Moberly: BDP
 Monroe County Extension MO SBTDC, located in Paris: BDP
 Truman State University MO SBTDC, located in Kirksville: BDP

NORTHWEST

*Dean L. Hubbard Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, located in Maryville
 Innovation Stockyard, located in St. Joseph: facility, wet lab and advanced equipment, business services/consulting, shared administrative services, grant writing expertise, workforce training
 Northwest Missouri State University MO SBTDC, located in Maryville: BDP
 Northwest Missouri State University MO SBTDC, Chillicothe Satellite: BDP
 Northwest Missouri State University MO SBTDC, St. Joseph Satellite: BDP
 St. Joseph PTAC: BDP

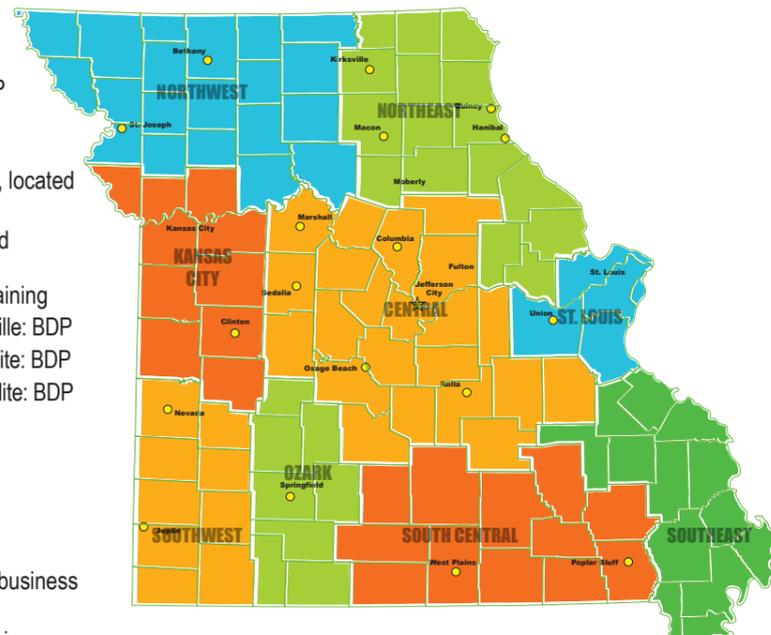
CENTRAL

*Missouri Innovation Center (MIC), located in Columbia.
 *Missouri Enterprise, located in Rolla
 Show Me Innovation Center, located in Fulton: startup capital, business services, mentorship and training resources
 Life Science Business Incubator at Monsanto Place, in Columbia
 Missouri Science & Technology MO SBTDC, Rolla: BDP
 1 Million Cups - Columbia: entrepreneurial education and networking
 Centennial Investors, located in Columbia: angel investment group
 Technology Development Center at Innovation Park, located in Rolla: tech incubator
 Downtown Incubator, located in Columbia: incubator affiliated with REDI
 Mo Plant Science Center, located in Mexico, MO
 Camden County MU Extension MO SBTDC: BDP
 Cole County Extension MO SBTDC, located in Jefferson City: BDP
 Lincoln University MO SBTDC, located in Jefferson City: BDP
 MO Chamber of Commerce, MO SBTDC, Jefferson City: BDP
 University of Missouri Columbia MO SBTDC: BDP
 University of Missouri Columbia International Trade Center: BDP
 University of Missouri Columbia PTAC: BDP

OZARK

*Jordan Valley Innovation Center/Springfield Innovations, Inc, Springfield
 The eFactory/IDEA Commons, located in Springfield: coworking space, incubator, accelerator
 Mercy Research & Development, located in Springfield: research services
 Missouri State University MO SBTDC, located in Springfield
 Springfield PTAC: BDP
 Christian County Extension MO SBTDC, located in Ozark: BDP
 1 Million Cups, Springfield: entrepreneurial education and networking
 Missouri Enterprise, Springfield Office

* A Missouri Innovation Center, see description on back.
 BDP = Business Development Program, see descriptions in gray box below.
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SOUTH CENTRAL

Ozark Foothills Business Incubator, located in Poplar Bluff
 Ozarks Small Business Incubator, located in West Plains
 Missouri State University MO SBTDC-West Plains Satellite: BDP
 Howell County Extension MO SBTDC/PTAC, located in West Plains: BDP

SOUTHWEST

*Newman Business and Technology Innovation Center, located in Joplin
 Joplin PTAC: BDP
 Missouri Southern State University MO SBTDC, located in Joplin: BDP
 Missouri Enterprise, Joplin Office

SOUTHEAST

*Southeast Innovation Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, located in Cape Girardeau
 Codefi, located in Cape Girardeau: coworking space & technology incubator
 1ST50K, located in Cape Girardeau: startup competition
 Cape Girardeau County Extension MO SBTDC, located in Jackson: BDP
 Southeast Missouri State University MO SBTDC, located in Cape Girardeau: BDP
 1 Million Cups, Cape Girardeau: entrepreneurial education and networking
 Missouri Enterprise, Cape Girardeau Office

GREATER KANSAS CITY AREA

*Brush Creek Enterprise Center/UMKC Innovation Center
 Black Economic Union of Greater Kansas City: technology grants, incubator space, office space
 Hispanic Economic Development Corporation (HEDC)
 Innovation Cafe: shared office space
 Cowork Waldo: collaborative, shared workspace
 The Bunker KC: military veteran entrepreneur startup incubator
 1 Million Cups: entrepreneurial education and networking
 Digital Sandbox: early stage investment forum
 BetaBlox: business incubator/accelerator
 Kansas City Animal Health Corridor: early and mid-stage investment forum, networking, specialized education & training, research collaboration
 Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute: research support organization
 Kauffman Labs: research
 OneKC for Women: women's capital connection
 KC Tech: entrepreneurial support/resource organization
 KC Source Link: entrepreneurial support/resource organization
 LaunchKC: a business model competition for tech startup firms
 SparkLabKC: early-stage technology business accelerator, intense, in-residence, mentor-driven program that provides seed capital and business advisory services
 Sprint Accelerator: a mentorship-driven startup accelerator
 LaunchCode: paid apprenticeships and job placement in technology fields
 ThinkBig Partners: growth-stage accelerator
 ThinkBig: co-working space
 ShowMe Angels: angel investment group
 Clay County Extension MO SBTDC: BDP
 Jackson County MU Extension MO SBTDC: BDP
 Mid-America TAAC: BDP
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GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA

*Center for Emerging Technologies (CET): Innovation Center affiliated with CORTEX.
 CORTEX/CIC: CORTEXT Innovation Community: innovation hub and technology district
 Venture Café: networking (located in CORTEX but open to the public)
 Global Hack: startup competition
 The Helix Center: wet labs, dry labs, office space, mentoring, financing, and collaboration (affiliated with St. Louis Economic Development Partnership)
 Arch Grants: startup competition
 BEGIN New Venture Center located in St. Louis: incubator
 Billiken Angels, located in Saint Louis University: angel investment group
 BioSTL: coalition of plant and life science resources
 BioGenerator: seed funding, pre-incubator wet lab and office space,
 Bio Research & Development Growth (BRDG) Park: a research park anchored by the Danforth Plant Science Center
 Capital Innovators: accelerator program
 Prosper Women Entrepreneurs: startup accelerator, mentoring, training
 Midtown Enterprise Center: affordable incubation center
 Stadia Ventures: sports innovation center
 Nidus Partners: seed funding
 Accelerate St. Louis: extensive online resource for entrepreneurs
 Economic Development Center (EDC): incubator
 1 Million Cups: entrepreneurial education and networking
 Cultivation Capital: venture capital firm
 T-Rex: coworking space and technology incubator
 Tech Artista: collaborative working environment
 St. Louis Arch Angels: angel investment group
 LaunchCode: paid apprenticeships and job placement services
 iSelect Fund: commercialization-stage funding
 IT Entrepreneur Network (ITEN): networking and mentoring
 Innovative Technology Enterprises (ITE) at UMSL: incubator
 SixThirty: fintech accelerator
 SLTVentureWorks, St. Louis: networking and mentoring
 Lewis & Clark Ventures: venture capital firm
 YieldLab: AgTech focused offering funding, mentors, and networking
 OPO Startups: coworking space
 RiverVest Venture Partners: venture capital firm
 Prolog Ventures: venture capital organization
 Franklin County Extension MO SBTDC: BDP
 St. Charles MO SBTDC: BDP
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 St. Charles PTAC: BDP
 MO SBTDC - Downtown location: BDP
 MO SBTDC - Market Street location: BDP
 MO SBTDC - South County location: BDP
 MO SBTDC - St. Charles Economic Development Center Satellite: BDP
 St. Louis County Extension PTAC: BDP
 Missouri Enterprise, St. Louis Office

STATE WIDE

Invest Midwest: venture capital forum
 Missouri Technology Corporation (MTC): a public-private partnership providing seed and venture capital for new and emerging high-tech companies, and grant funding for non-profit entrepreneurial support organizations and research institutions.

Business Development Program (BDP)

The University of Missouri Extension Business Development Program (BDP) is a statewide network which helps businesses succeed through a variety of programs. Programs include:

The Missouri Small Business and Technology Development Centers (MO SBTDC): provide professional business analysis, business consultations, access to technology resources and educational training seminars on a variety of business topics.

The International Trade Center is staffed by a specially trained export team that helps businesses grow by expanding into global markets.

The Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (MO PTAC): assists businesses — including small, disadvantaged and women owned firms — in obtaining federal, state and local government contracts.

The Mid-America Trade Adjustment Assistance Center (TAAC): equips U.S. manufacturers in three states to proactively respond to import competition.

The Missouri Environmental Assistance Center (MOEAC): pollution prevention, environmental compliance and energy-savings assistance.