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 52,000 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.

**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**
MREC'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**
Located on the campus of Missouri State University, the Center operates a 6,000 sq. ft. incubator and wet lab space. Associated with Missouri 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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**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 Kansas 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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- 1 Million Cups, Cape Girardeau: entrepreneurial education and networking
- Truman State University MO SBTDC, located in Kirksville
- *Dean L. Hubbard Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, located in Maryville
- Innovation Stockyard, located in St. Joseph: facility, wet lab and coworking space
- Northwest Missouri State University MO SBTDC, located in Maryville
- 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 Technology Corporation (MTC): a public-private partnership focused on high-technology commercialization
- Mid-America TAAC: BDP
- Clay County Extension MO SBTDC: BDP
- ShowMe Angels: angel investment group
- LaunchCode: paid apprenticeships and job placement services
- Springfield
- 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
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- 1 Million Cups, Springfield: entrepreneurial education and networking
- Missouri Enterprise, Springfield Office

**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
- Cape Girardeau County Extension MO SBTDC, located in Joplin: BDP
- 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
- 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
- BetaBox: business incubator/accelerator
- Kansas City Animal Health Corridor: early and mid-stage investment forum, networking, specialized education & research, training and research collaboration
- Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute: research support organization
- Ksuflman Labs: research
- OneMC 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
- MidAmerica TAcT: BDP
- University of Missouri - Kansas City MO SBTDC: BDP
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- Missouri Enterprise, Kansas City Office

**Business Development Program (BDP)**
- The University of Missouri 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 STDC) provide professional business analysis, business communications, 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) assist 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.

**Greater St. Louis Area**
- Center for Emerging Technologies (CET): Innovation Center affiliated with CORTEX.
- CORTEX: CORTEX Innovation Community: innovation hub and technology district
- Venture Café: networking (located in CORTEX but open to the public)
- Global Hack: startup competition
- The Heits Center: wet lab, dry labs, office space, mentoring, financial, and collaboration (affiliated with St. Louis Economic Development Partnership)
- Arch Grants: startup competitions
- BEGIN New Venture Center located in St. Louis: incubator
- Biliken 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 (BDRG) 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 Artists: 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: fast-track accelerator
- STLVentureWorks, St. Louis: networking and mentoring
- Lewis & Clark Ventures: venture capital firm
- Yell4Lab:AgTech focused offering funding, mentors, and networking
- OPO Startups: coworking space
- RiverWest Venture Partners: venture capital firm
- Prolog Ventures: venture capital organization
- Franklin County Extension MO SBTDC: BDP
- St. Charles MO SBTDC: BDP
- St. Charles County Extension MO SBTDC: BDP
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- MO STBD - Downtown location: BDP
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- MO STBD - St. Charles Economic Development 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.