Texas Business Incubators Directory

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About this Directory

Texas has a strong entrepreneurial spirit that inspires innovative thinking and visionary action. Throughout the state, Texas business incubators provide entrepreneurs with inexpensive startup environments and a range of administrative, consulting, and networking services. These incubation programs come in many shapes and sizes and serve a variety of industry sectors. They are generally managed by economic development agencies, chambers of commerce, local governments, for-profit businesses, colleges, or universities. This directory relies on the National Business Incubation Association’s (NBIA) definition of business incubators, also referred to as accelerators, which are dedicated to serving entrepreneurs and startups. The U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) are not included in this definition, since they serve small businesses in all stages of development.

Of the 94 Texas incubators identified in this directory, 61% are focused on high tech fields, with specializations ranging from biotechnology to telecommunications to aerospace. Among these high tech incubators, nine are solely dedicated to biotechnology, while four others are solely energy-focused. Many other incubators take a broader approach and work with clients across industries. These multiple-industry incubators account for 34% of all business incubators in Texas. By state region, Central Texas accounts for 34% of the directory’s incubators, followed by North Texas with 26% and the Gulf Coast with 19%.

In addition to this publication, information about business incubators and other business support services can be obtained from a range of sources, including local economic development entities, chambers of commerce, city and county government offices, institutions of higher education, and the U.S. SBA.

*The Texas incubators/accelerators listings in this directory are representational, in large part because these entities are very dynamic: going in and out of existence and changing their names, points of contact, services, and focus.*
**Business Incubator Profiles**

### 3 Day Startup (3DS)

**Location:** Austin and Houston  
**Founded:** 2008  
**Website:** [http://3daystartup.org/](http://3daystartup.org/)  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Provides rented workspace for an entire weekend, recruits 45 student participants from a wide range of backgrounds, caters food and drinks, and brings in top-notch entrepreneurs and investors. The participants pick the best ideas for startups during the Friday brainstorming session and deliver prototypes and investor pitches on Sunday night.
- 3DS alumni receive a package of services, including free hosting from Rackspace, the Microsoft BizSpark/DreamSpark suite, discounted incorporation packages from DLA Piper, the FluidUI prototyping tool, and more.

**Additional Information:** 3 Day Startup (3DS) was founded in 2008 at the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin). Originally a student organization, 3DS is now a non-profit organization partnering with many academic institutions, including Rice, the University of Houston, UT Austin, Harvard, and MIT. 3DS’ goal is simple: start tech companies over the course of three days. The program has spread to other schools around the world, and in 2013, 39 3DS startups raised $9.5 million in investments, and 22 3DS-originated companies were accepted into other accelerator/incubator programs.

### Abilene Laboratories (abLABS)

**Location:** Abilene  
**Founded:** 2010  
**Website:** [http://abilenelaboratories.com/](http://abilenelaboratories.com/)  
**Specialization:** Biotech – Life Science

**Services & Facilities:**
- 22,000 sq. ft. laboratory including a 2,000 sq. ft. clean room and available wet lab space
- Business services including market development, networks, and capital access
- State-of-the-art facility with the latest equipment run by world-class scientists and a neighboring mammalian genetics research unit
- Industry services including pre-clinical formulation, vaccine process, cell line, reagents, and assay development; imaging technology and experimental pathology; and antibody generation & screening

**Additional Information:** Formerly known as (FKA) Abilene Life Sciences Accelerator, Abilene Laboratories (abLABS) is now the home of the Texas Tech University - Health Science Center, School of Pharmacy’s Center for Immunotherapeutics Development. abLABS also operates a Proof-of-Concept Center that provides assistance to bring products and services to market, specializing in biologics, immunotherapeutics, immunodiagnostics, assay development, imaging technology, and animal models and formulation. Focused on leveraging technologies in immunotherapeutics and immunodiagnostics, abLABS and the surrounding Life Sciences Enterprise Zone offer space for companies seeking to expand their operations and work alongside some of the industry’s leading scientists.
**AccelerateNFC**

Location: Richardson  
Founded: 2013  
Website: www.acceleratenfc.com  
Specialization: High Tech – Communications

**Services & Facilities:**
- Selected companies participate in an intensive 12-week mentoring program designed to provide access to resources normally beyond the reach of startup or early stage companies
- Selected companies work one-on-one with industry-experienced and successful entrepreneurs, investors, and advisors for maximum commercialization and success

**Additional Information:** The AccelerateNFC program is a mentor-driven, mentor-funded idea incubator/success accelerator for high potential companies. It focuses on near field communication (NFC) companies, matching the highest caliber talent, resources, and funding with companies that are ready to take their ideas and products to the next level. AccelerateNFC was launched by Dallas entrepreneur and investor, Robert Sabella, a principle at OTA Ventures and founder of NFC Bootcamp.

**Accelerated Ventures at Baylor University**

Location: Waco  
Founded: N/A  
Website: www.acceleratedventuresprogram.com/  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Access to the facilities and resources of thInc Space, a Waco-Baylor incubator
- Led by Baylor faculty, alumni, and a board of veteran serial entrepreneurs
- Connections to the Waco entrepreneurial ecosystem

**Additional Information:** Accelerated Ventures (AV) is an innovative two semester course at Baylor University that enables students to create real companies, raise real funds, launch products and services, and generate sales. Course materials focus on Internet sales and entrepreneurship students experience the startup process first-hand, taking a company from its conceptualization phase to exit. AV compliments other organizations throughout Greater Waco that are working to support small business and startup activity. AV is headquartered at the Waco incubator, thInc Space, a Baylor University - Greater Waco Chamber partnership.
The Alliance for Higher Education (AHE)

Locations: Dallas and Sulphur Springs
Founded: 2005
Website: www.ntxrcic.org
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Mentoring, coaching, and introductions to capital, research, and academic resources, as well as business connections
- Programs include the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (TETF), C-executive breakfast seminars, quarterly pitch days, and Tech Success, an annual technology showcase for all types of stakeholders
- Sponsors/partners with area incubators; partners with area universities and their Technology Transfer offices
- Dallas facility offers conference rooms, class rooms that seat up to 40, and open offices for day use
- Satellite facility in Sulphur Springs offers similar facilities, plus long-term entrepreneurial leasing space

Additional Information: The Alliance for Higher Education, FKA the North Texas Regional Center for Innovation & Commercialization (RCIC), serves the North Texas entrepreneurial community by creating opportunities to raise capital for technology-based startup ventures and connecting companies and entrepreneurs with valuable resources to build scalable businesses. The AHE specializes in technology-based startups and functions as a one-stop shop, working with and connecting entrepreneurs, investors, universities, government, and businesses.

AT&T Foundry - Plano

Location: Plano
Founded: N/A
Website: http://developer.att.com/developer/forward.jsp?passedItemId=5300164
Specialization: High Tech – Communications and Information Technology

Services & Facilities:
- Foundry services are available immediately to all Innovators who join the AT&T Developer Program and then register with the Foundry
- AT&T design, technology, and business specialists work directly with participants at on-site facilities; Innovators can access the Foundry Community and its resources
- Tools and staffing are specialized for developing Innovations for a Business customer

Additional Information: The AT&T Foundry facilitates innovation development through a diverse collaborative community supported by a network of strategic technology companies. This open environment enables a range of information technology (IT) and communications-related innovation that includes Applications, Devices, Cloud Services, Enabling Technologies, and Operational Support.
Austin Technology Incubator (ATI) at UT Austin

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** 1989  
**Website:** www.ati.utexas.edu  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Access to professional ATI staff members, contributing students and staff from the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin), and a community of advisors, mentors, and investors
- Access to public and private capital; assistance with the process of applying for Federal grants such as Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awards

**Additional Information:** The Austin Technology Incubator (ATI) is a non-profit unit of the IC2 Institute of UT Austin, although there is no requirement for ATI companies to be UT Austin affiliated. The ATI harnesses business, government, and academic resources to provide strategic counsel, operational guidance, and infrastructure support to its member companies and help them transition from early stage ventures to successful technology businesses. Its focus includes Bioscience, Information Technology (IT), Wireless Networking and Communications, and Clean Energy, spearheaded by the ATI Clean Energy Incubator (CEI). Since its founding, ATI has worked with over 250 companies and helped raise almost $1 billion in investor capital.

AVINDÊ

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** 2013  
**Website:** http://avinde.org  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Scalable Women-Led Companies Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Community meetups and startup events; 15-week accelerator sessions in the Fall and Spring
- Current host location is TechRanch Austin; remote and satellite city locations are also available
- Provides networking opportunities, professional branding expertise, and addresses women’s leadership concerns
- Access to seasoned mentors; experts in varied industries, legal, finance, investment, marketing, design, and technical areas; and potential customers and partners

**Additional Information:** AVINDÊ is a non-profit community driven startup accelerator catering to women launching scalable businesses. Its sponsors include Tech Ranch Austin, Rocksauce Studios, AH! Design Communications, The Center for New Technology Enterprise, D&W Attorneys at Law, and W. Tom Robinson, CPA. Sponsors work with AVINDÊ’s client companies to launch scalable businesses across industries including bioscience, high tech, mobile applications, and consumer products.
BioHouston

Location: Houston
Founded: 2001
Website: www.biohouston.org
Specialization: Biotech – Life Science

Services & Facilities:
■ Matchmaking services through one-on-one meetings between startups and established pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device companies
■ Hosts the annual Texas Life Science Conference, the largest conference of its kind in Texas
■ Partners with Biotechnology Commercialization Center (BCC) at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; BioHouston lab equipment has been relocated to the BCC and BioHouston companies may incubate at the BCC

Additional Information: BioHouston, Inc. is a non-profit corporation founded by Houston area academic/research institutions. Its goal is to establish the Houston region as a vigorous global competitor in life science and biotechnology commercialization and to create an environment to stimulate technology transfer and research commercialization by working with the leaders of some of the greatest research institutions in the world and interacting with scientists, venture capitalists, public officials, pharmaceutical industry leaders, and the leaders of emerging biotechnology companies. In so doing, economic wealth is generated for the Houston region and Texas, making it a global competitor in life science commercialization.

Biotech Manufacturing Center of Texas (BMC)

Location: Athens
Founded: 2004
Website: www.bmc-texas.org
Specialization: Biotech – Medical Devices

Services & Facilities:
■ Facility is registered with the FDA and ISO13485 certified
■ Medical-grade machine and tooling, injection molding, extrusion and assembly capabilities, clean rooms, and more
■ Incubator office space for up to 14 companies and 330 employees
■ Expert assistance with specification R&D, development, engineering, prototypes, marketing, business planning, budgeting, manufacturing, packaging, and more

Additional Information: The Biotech Manufacturing Center of Texas (BMC) indicates it is the only full-scale manufacturing biotech incubator in the nation. It operates as a non-profit contract manufacturer of medical devices/components, as well as providing startup services for innovators wishing to enter the industry. The BMC has strategic alliances with Texas Manufacturing Assistance Centers, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, and the Automation & Robotics Research Institute at the University of Texas at Arlington.
### Biotechnology Commercialization Center (BCC) at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHSC-H)

- **Location:** Houston
- **Founded:** 2009
- **Website:** [www.uth.tmc.edu/otm/startups/BCC.htm](http://www.uth.tmc.edu/otm/startups/BCC.htm) or [www.biohouston.org/BCC/](http://www.biohouston.org/BCC/)
- **Specialization:** Biotech – Life Science

**Services & Facilities:**
- 15,000 sq. ft. of combined laboratory, office, and shared space on three adjacent floors dedicated to startups
- Access to UTHSC-H core laboratory and animal services, as well as capital equipment
- Amenities include conference and meeting rooms, shared business services, and onsite parking
- Offers space for lease to startup companies

**Additional Information:** The BCC’s mission is to help commercialize and incubate UTHSC-H and Houston-based life science technologies, while increasing the number of Texas-based companies. The BCC operates in partnership with BioHouston, the Texas BioAlliance, and the Austin Technology Incubator. Located within the heart of the Texas Medical Center in Houston, the BCC provides valuable access to information, collaboration, and expertise.

### Bootstrap Dallas (BSD)

- **Location:** Dallas
- **Founded:** 2011
- **Website:** [http://bootstrapdallas.com/](http://bootstrapdallas.com/)
- **Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Provides resources, training, and introductions into the Dallas startup community
- Offers advisory services to those who want to make a leap into entrepreneurship, but don't know where to start
- Offers guidance for funding, marketing, sales, and partnerships to existing businesses
- Provides open office hours with some of the most influential business people in Dallas, as well as classes on Programming, Funding, Social Media, Marketing, and Legal

**Additional Information:** Bootstrap Dallas (BSD) helps Dallas area entrepreneurs bring ideas to life with a team of entrepreneurs, designers, and marketers. BSD specializes in Mobile Development, Application Development, Branding, and Social Media Marketing.
The Business Factory at the Concho Valley Center for Entrepreneurial Development (CVCED)

Location: San Angelo
Founded: N/A
Website: www.cvced.org
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- The Business Factory provides shared workspace for early stage companies while the CVCED provides private offices, conference rooms, and administrative personnel for companies that are further developed
- Provides WiFi, printers, coffee machines, a break area, and more
- Offers seminars, exhibitions, and networking events

Additional Information: The Business Factory, provided by the CVCED, is an incubation program designed to assist small businesses and entrepreneurs in the San Angelo and the Concho Valley Area. The Business Factory and CVCED also provide assistance in conjunction with the ASM Small Business Development Center.

The Brewery Incubator

Location: Houston
Founded: 2012
Website: http://breweryincubator.com
Specialization: Food and Beverage Industry

Services & Facilities:
- Fully-equipped commercial kitchens with commercial brewing equipment in a downtown Houston facility
- Hosts classes and workshops, tastings, tours, community brew-ins, and sponsors homebrew clubs and competitions
- Provides a pilot facility, tap room, support network, and access to potential customers/investors

Additional Information: The Brewery Incubator (BI) indicates it is the world’s first coworking brewer and incubator. Its goal is to foster the development of craft breweries by providing a pilot facility, tap room, support network, and audience accessible to all aspiring brewers. The BI is co-housed at the Kitchen Incubator. It is a collaborative business in which home brewers get access to commercial brewing equipment and a pub to sell their beer as a way to determine whether they're ready to launch their own breweries.
BUSINESS INCUBATORS

The Business Incubation Center (BIC) at the Bill J. Priest Campus of El Centro College

Location: Dallas  
Founded: 1990  
Website: www.elcentrocollege.edu/bjp/business-incubation-center  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- 30,000 sq. ft. facility that includes conference rooms, office rentals, and weekly cleaning services  
- Access to business counselors who are knowledgeable in a wide range of business topics including business expansion, government contracting, intellectual property (IP) protection, loan requirements, management, marketing, and technological and manufacturing assistance  
- Low-cost and no-cost seminars available year round for training on various aspects of business management

Additional Information: The Business Incubation Center (BIC) at the Bill J. Priest Institute of Economic Development of El Centro College houses small companies, leasing office space to these startups and providing business services to them for up to four years. BIC facilitators are experts in their fields, including bank loan officers, Certified Public Accountants, environmental compliance experts, international trade experts, attorneys, and other professionals.

Business Technology Center (BTC) at Houston Business Development Inc. (HBDI)

Location: Houston  
Founded: 1986  
Website: www.hbdinc.org/resources/business-technology-center/  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- 160,000 sq. ft. of mixed-use business space  
- Access to Business Information Center and capital and management services through the HBDI and its resource partners  
- Office equipment, conference rooms, and bundled administrative support services; computer labs; free parking; P.O. box rentals; 24-hour security; conference/training rooms; on-site receptionist and notary; and voicemail/answering services  
- Workshops and seminars

Additional Information: The mission of the HBCI, a non-profit corporation established by the City of Houston, is to stimulate economic growth, support the expansion of small businesses, and foster opportunities for low-moderate income citizens. The HBDI offers an array of business support services, including the BTC and loan programs.
Capital Factory

Location: Austin  
Founded: 2009  
Website: www.capitalfactory.com  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Access to mentors, potential co-founders, angel investors and venture capitalists, and programmers for hire
- Ongoing education and training, free and discounted networking and other support services, and much more
- Downtown Austin office location including private desks, common areas, and coworking space
- Event space that seats 150, where Capital Factory hosts internal and external events

Additional Information: Capital Factory’s mission is to identify and nurture capital-efficient technology startups in Austin, Texas. It is focused on assisting tech startups that can become profitable on less than $1 million in funding. Its goal is to help people quit their jobs and become entrepreneurs. At Capital Factory, entrepreneurs are likely to meet or find their co-founder, employee, mentor, press, and investor. Entrepreneurs can sharpen their skills and up their game while surrounded by other entrepreneurs going through the same challenges they are. Capital Factory hosts and sponsors other incubators, including OpenIncubate and UT Austin’s The Food Lab and Longhorn Startup.

Center for Business Development (CBD)

Location: Houston  
Founded: N/A  
Website: www.houstonicc.org  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- The CBD facilities have been utilized by over 100 member companies and organizations
- Over 200 potential and beginning new businesses have received CBD consultations

Additional Information: The CBD is a partnership between Houston Intercontinental Chamber of Commerce (HICC), the Lone Star College System – North Harris, the Small Business Development Center, and the North Houston Economic Development Council, located in the HICC offices. The CBD hosts each of the above partners as well as a business incubator and training and conference rooms for use by HICC members and area businesses.
Business Incubators

Center for Business Excellence (CBE) of Central Texas

Location: Waco
Founded: 2011
Website: www.getbusinesssmart.com
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
■ Free business and marketing counseling, seminars and workshops, business and legal information, and computers with business software
■ Professional office space rentals with full business services and equipment
■ Work space with WiFi, videoconferencing, fax and copy services, printing/binding, and more
■ Computer facilities including a color printer, scanner, business planning software, and Internet access

Additional Information: The Center for Business Excellence (CBE) of Central Texas is an non-profit organization dedicated to offering entrepreneurs resources to grow and succeed in business. The CBE is a division of the Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce (CTAACC) and was established thanks to a $200,000 grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Since education and support at the earliest stage of a business is vital to success, the Center was established so that these businesses can operate without a lot of overhead. CBE services include a Kitchen Entrepreneur Program, designed to train and support local food industry entrepreneurs and businesses.

Center for Innovation at Arlington

Location: Arlington
Founded: 2001
Website: www.thecenterforinnovation.org/center-innovation
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
■ Pro bono patent assistance
■ Access to capital and talent from academia, industry, and government
■ Industry partners include BASF, L-3 Link Simulation and Training, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Siemens, SR2O Holdings, and Walmart

Additional Information: The Center for Innovation at Arlington, LLC was created to bring together technology, capital and talent to match market needs with research capabilities of industry, academia, and government. It is a partnership between the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and the University of Texas at Arlington. In a multi-state initiative that includes Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana, both the Department of Defense and Department of Agriculture have designated the Center for Innovation in Arlington as their agencies’ office of technology transition and commercialization. The Center is the only organization in the nation with technology based economic development Partnership Intermediary Agreements with multiple federal agencies.
Coastal Bend Business Innovation Center (CBBIC) at Texas A&M University Corpus Christi

Location: Corpus Christi  
Founded: 2009  
Website: www.coastalbendinnovation.com  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
■ 36,000 sq. ft. facility on a 4.5 acre site with state-of-the-art facilities including offices, workshops, classrooms, and a conference center  
■ Full-service incubator with access to university students, faculty, and research resources  
■ Provides executive and professional educational services, including workshops and seminars  
■ Access to rental space and flexible leases; basic business services and equipment; technology support services; professional PhD level consulting; student internship programs; assistance in obtaining the financing necessary for company growth; and access to investors, mentors, and a network of contacts

Additional Information: The CBBIC serves as a catalyst for innovative ideas by guiding the entrepreneurial process supporting the creation of sustainable, successful Coastal Bend firms. The CBBIC incubator’s main goal is to produce successful firms that leave the program financially stable and freestanding. The Center works closely with the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, U.S. Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Center, and other groups on an annual business plan competition within the Coastal Bend area.

The Collide Center

Location: McKinney  
Founded: 2013  
Website: http://collidecenter.com  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
■ Offers both accelerator and incubator programs  
■ Services include mentoring by seasoned entrepreneurs and investors; hosted workshops and programming; pitch sessions; and meetings with investors and other business leaders  
■ The 6,500 sq. ft open area facility provides resident companies with free space and some services for up to 3 months, then modest fees are assessed

Additional Information: The Collide Center is a program run by the McKinney Economic Development Corporation with support from Curious Complex, a McKinney startup. The Center acts as a bridge until McKinney-area startups can grow into their own spaces and qualify for rental assistance on their own. Its focus is on startups working on innovative and emerging technologies.
The Dallas Entrepreneur Center (DEC)

Location: Dallas
Founded: 2013
Website: http://thedec.co/
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Offers membership levels at various price points for coworking space, dedicated office space, and incubator assistance
- Incubator services include customizable desk and office space; 24/7 key card access; high speed Internet; conference room scheduling and basic office services; unlimited coffee and stocked fridge; access to the DEC online member platform and all DEC coordinated events; dedicated incubation programming and mentors; and financial assistance programs
- Access to experts and thought leaders from major corporations, investment groups, academic institutions, and government entities

Additional Information: The Dallas Entrepreneur Center serves entrepreneurs in the Dallas area, providing a location for training, education, mentoring, promotion, and access to capital in order to encourage and equip the entrepreneurial community to start, build, and grow their businesses.

Discovery Park Business Incubator at UNT

Location: Denton
Founded: 2009
Website: http://discoverypark.unt.edu/incubator
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- 10,000 sq. ft. incubator with low-cost office facilities; business services and high speed Internet access; shared common areas; conference and meeting rooms; and 24-hour access to a secured building
- Access to advanced science and technology research laboratories and UNT’s Murphy Center for Entrepreneurship and Center for Economic Development and Research
- Provides business plan development, strategic planning, research and development assistance, product development assistance, international business assistance, IP-related assistance, a mentorship network program, and financing and funding resources

Additional Information: The University of North Texas’ (UNT) Discovery Park Business Incubator is designed to accelerate the successful development of entrepreneurial companies that are seeking to commercialize locally developed technologies or to work in partnership with UNT to turn scientific innovations into businesses. Discovery Park clients include community inventors, student teams, and university researchers.
DreamIt Ventures - Austin

Location: Austin (Philadelphia, PA-based)
Founded: 2012 (in Texas)
Website: http://dreamitventures.com
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
■ Up to $25,000 of seed funding per company in exchange for a 6% equity stake
■ One-on-one mentorship with leading entrepreneurs; access to free legal, accounting, and administration help; and a weekly speakers series
■ Introductions to angel investors and venture capitalists and an opportunity to pitch to them at Demo Day
■ Collaborative workspace with a community of entrepreneurial peers

Additional Information: DreamIt Ventures is a pre-seed stage accelerator with the goal of helping great people with all kinds of great ideas build great companies. DreamIt was founded in Philadelphia in 2007 by three successful technology entrepreneurs who wanted to create the same type of opportunities for the next wave of entrepreneurs that they were fortunate to have had. Since then, DreamIt entrepreneurs have raised over $195 million and 127 companies have completed DreamIt’s 3-4 month program.

Economic Growth Business Incubator (EGBI)

Location: Austin
Founded: 2003
Website: www.egbi.org
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
■ An 8-week entrepreneurial training course with business & technology tracks, specialized work shops, and bilingual classes
■ Low cost incubation and office leases available for up to six months, including free business services and access to conference rooms, WiFi, and more
■ Free mentoring, bilingual support, business consulting, and counseling
■ Low cost conference/training room leases, including AV projector, podium, whiteboard, and laptops

Additional Information: The EGBI is a non-profit organization that assists emerging and existing businesses led primarily by historically economically disadvantaged community members of the Greater Austin area. It provides the tools to establish and grow their business through education, business plan assistance, and consulting. The EGBI has a unique approach to entrepreneurial incubation – all-inclusive training, pre-launch education, post-launch support, Spanish support, and office space. According to the latest data available, 60% of EGBI’s graduates have established businesses, creating 138 jobs and combined annual revenues of over $5 million.
Eden Business Incubator (COEBI)

Location: Eden  
Founded: 2010  
Website: www.edentexas.com/articles/view/incentives  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
■ Offers reduced rent with flexible leases for furnished office space, Internet and computer network accessibility, free parking, and a conference/training room  
■ Provides just-in-time management counseling and referrals to other local business assistance providers and resources

Additional Information: The City of Eden Business Incubator (COEBI) is the only business incubator in Concho County. It is entrepreneur-centered and has strong relationships with local and area business resources to ensure the success of promising new ventures. The COEBI was created through a creative partnership with the USDA Relending Program, in which a former city building became a business incubator for a textile manufacturer. The City of Eden and the Eden Economic Development Corporation received the 2010 Community Economic Development Award from the Texas Economic Development Council for their partnership in attracting this textile manufacturer to Eden.

Emergent Incubator

Location: Austin  
Founded: 2012  
Website: www.etibio.com  
Specialization: Biotech – Life Science

Services & Facilities:
■ 2,000 square feet of state-of-the-art wet lab space combined with office space, technology infrastructure, meeting/conference space, technology infrastructure, and IT support  
■ On-site team of proven experts to assist entrepreneurs with the steps of creating a laboratory, intellectual property expansion, commercialization strategy, business planning, licensing, partnering, marketing, and product development.  
■ Free boot camps highlighting different aspects of growing startup companies

Additional Information: In late 2012, Emergent Technologies, Inc. launched its life sciences incubator with an open house. The Emergent Incubator is designed to foster inventors and startup life science and technology companies by assisting with the steps of creating a laboratory, intellectual property expansion, and product development. Founded in 1989, Emergent Technologies is a life sciences venture firm which operates as an incubator, accelerator, and venture capital firm. To date, the company and its industry partners have invested in excess of $500 million in technologies within its 19 portfolio companies.
**The Entrepreneur Center of Central Texas (TEC-Centex)**

**Location:** Temple  
**Founded:** 2005  
**Website:** www.tec-centex.com  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Leases 11 furnished offices with business services and on-site staff support, 24/7 secured access, and shared space including conference rooms, a work area, and kitchen
- Free business counseling and fee-based mentoring, incubation, training, and other services
- Business training and education opportunities are offered on-site from Temple College Business and Continuing Education

**Additional Information:** The Entrepreneur Center of Central Texas (TEC-Centex), FKA the Central Texas Entrepreneur Center and before that as the Temple Business Incubator, is a non-profit community project assisting new businesses to succeed in the Central Texas region. It is a collaborative effort and sponsored by the City of Temple, Temple Economic Development Corporation, Temple Chamber of Commerce, Temple College, and Temple College Foundation. The Center’s goal is to provide the starting point for a startup company to grow, mature, and ultimately become a viable member of the local business community.

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**Entrepreneurship & Commercialization Center (EEC) at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

**Location:** Brownsville  
**Founded:** 2003  
**Website:** www.utb.edu/edcs/iic  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Serves as an affiliate organization and provider of Kauffman FastTrac® Entrepreneurship Training, which is a practical, hands-on business development program
- Offers business incubation, commercialization assistance, professional consulting, and entrepreneurship education
- Offers affordable membership and lease terms to entrepreneurs including 24/7 controlled access, high speed Internet, and business services

**Additional Information:** The EEC, FKA the International Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center, is located at the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley (UT-RGV) and focused on assisting entrepreneurs in developing and expanding their businesses. The EEC serves as a real life entrepreneurial laboratory for the University and the Rio Grande Valley community where entrepreneurs inside and outside the University can collaborate to take advantage of opportunities and create value. It delivers its services through its memberships, professional development, and commercialization programs.
The Food Lab (TFL) at the University of Texas at Austin

Location: Austin
Founded: N/A
Website: http://foodincubator.wordpress.com
Specialization: Food and Beverage Industry

Services & Facilities:
- Provides support to University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) student-led food systems startups that leverage university research
- The lab holds public events, including webinars and symposiums

Additional Information: The Food Lab (TFL), based in the UT Austin’s School of Human Ecology, College of Natural Sciences, encourages students to engage in innovative food systems research and provides support to startups that leverage university research. TFL’s goal is to be a catalyst for scientific and cultural experimentation and innovation in the food system. Its current partners include UT Austin’s Office of Technology Commercialization, UT Austin’s Center for Sustainable Development at the School of Architecture, UT Austin’s Austin Technology Incubator, Capital Factory, Whole Foods Market, Freebirds World Burrito, Sweet Leaf Tea, and Beanitos.

Greater Austin WEN Community

Location: Austin
Founded: N/A
Website: http://wenbiz.org/community/us/tx/austin/
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- WEN University offers two formal curriculums, both in person and virtually: a 12 week Rapid Launch (start to revenue) and a 6 month Accelerator (double growth) curriculum
- Access to the global World Entrepreneurs Networks (WEN), with both in person and virtual meetings, speakers, tutorials, and more
- Local community support, including networking, collaboration, marketing and promotion, and special events
- Access to seed funding and angel network offering $1,000 to $1,000,000 in funding

Additional Information: The Greater Austin WEN Community, FKA the Wilco Entrepreneurs Community, is a Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development-sponsored group whose goal is to help entrepreneurs start and grow their business in the Greater Austin area. As a hands-on group assisting new and young companies grow and connect with the established companies and resources, it is open to anyone interested in starting, buying, operating, selling or growing a business. Attendance and basic membership are free to entrepreneurs, talent, and mentors.
Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Incubator Program

Location: Dallas  
Established: 1994  
Website: [www.gdhcc.com/programs_and_resources/business_assistance_center.aspx](http://www.gdhcc.com/programs_and_resources/business_assistance_center.aspx)  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:

- Operates within three Business Assistance Centers (BAC) in the City of Dallas.
- Provides conference room space, learning resources, a technology center, affordable office space, basic business services, and technical assistance from BAC counselors.
- Provides one-on-one technical assistance, business counseling, training, seminars, and workshops.
- Marketing and promotional services are provided through Chamber communications.

Additional Information: The Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce’s (GDHCC) incubator program is part of the Chamber’s Business Assistance Center Program. The GDHCC’s incubator program’s objective is to promote entrepreneurship by providing neighborhood businesses services and opportunities for business ownership, economic development, and job growth. It assists startup businesses across industries that are less than two years old and run by low-to-moderate income residents of the City of Dallas.

The GroundFloor

Location: Dallas  
Established: 2013  
Website: [www.unitedwaydallas.org/pages/the-groundfloor](http://www.unitedwaydallas.org/pages/the-groundfloor)  
Additional Information: The GroundFloor is a mentor-driven social innovation accelerator fund created and operated by the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas. It invests in and supports local social entrepreneurs and social innovation startups addressing social issues, including breaking the cycle of poverty, improving college and career readiness, expanding access to healthcare, and promoting healthy lifestyles.
**Health Wildcatters**

**Location:** Dallas  
**Founded:** 2013  
**Website:** http://healthwildcatters.com/  
**Specialization:** Biotech – Life Science

**Services & Facilities:**
- A 12-week accelerator program runs in the fall, ending with a pitch day to investors
- Some startups may be invited to the annual mHealth Summit and to meet with East/West Coast VCs
- Provides an initial seed investment, mentorship, and a strong network of early stage investors in Dallas
- Addresses the specific challenges of selling into the healthcare market, dealing with regulatory constraints, and the slower pace of adoption

**Additional Information:** Health Wildcatters is a mentor-driven healthcare accelerator focused on a wide variety of early stage healthcare startups. The accelerator welcomes companies focused on healthcare IT, SaaS, digital health, and mobile health, as well as the more traditional medical devices, diagnostics, and pharmaceuticals. Health Wildcatters is a program based on Dallas-based Tech Wildcatters, which was founded in 2009.

**Houston Technology Center (HTC)**

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 1997  
**Websites:** http://houstontech.org & http://houstontech.org/jsc-campus/  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- 50,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility located in the heart of midtown Houston
- Exposure to capital and extensive network of sector-specific mentors who guide clients towards commercialization
- Offers incubator and accelerator programs, including its new Ignition accelerator

**Additional Information:** Houston Technology Center (HTC) indicates it is the largest technology business incubator and accelerator in Texas, advancing the commercialization of emerging technology companies in the greater Houston area. Supported by more than 300 of Houston’s leading corporations and academic institutions, as well as the Greater Houston Partnership, Texas Medical Center, NASA-Johnson Space Center, and the City of Houston, the HTC has become Houston’s center of technology entrepreneurship by assisting companies within several key sectors: energy, information technology, life sciences, nanotechnology, and NASA-related technologies. Since 1999, HTC has provided feedback to well over 1,000 companies and coached 250 companies, helping them raise over $1 billion in capital and create over 3,600 jobs. The HTC serves as the South Texas Regional Center of Innovation and Commercialization (RCIC). It also operates a satellite facility at the Johnson Space Center.
The Hub of Human Innovation

Location: El Paso
Founded: 2011
Website: http://hubofhumaninnovation.org
Specialization: High Tech & Clean Energy – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Affordable office space rentals, including 24/7 secured access, business services, VOIP phone/Internet access, meeting space, a break room, a resource library, utilities and janitorial services, and a state-of-the-art conference room
- One-on-one business support, mentoring, business plan assessment, business analysis, management team and board development, investment capital/financing opportunities, business development tools/resources/contacts, seminars/workshops/conferences, and an intern pool to work on approved special client projects
- Offers programs for advanced entrepreneurship, clean energy partners, manufacturing partners, and more
- Offers a clean energy incubator program called the Paseo del Norte Clean Energy Incubator Program (PDN CEI), in partnership with the University of Texas at El Paso and funded through the Texas State Energy Conservation Office

Additional Information: The Hub of Human Innovation (The Hub) is a technology incubator that nurtures the development of small high technology- and clean energy-based businesses in the El Paso/Paseo del Norte region. The Hub’s community goals are to increase jobs, grow and retain companies, accelerate core industry growth, diversify the local economy, and enhance the entrepreneurial climate.

The Huntsville Area Technology and Business Complex (HA/tch)

Location: Huntsville
Founded: 2013
Website: www.shsu.edu/hatch/
Specialization: High Tech – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Office space and access to high-technology assets
- Training and mentoring
- Pre-incubation and business incubation programs
- Access to funding

Additional Information: The Huntsville Area Technology and Business Complex (HA/tch), an affiliate of Sam Houston State University (SHSU), is the East Texas Region’s premier business startup and entrepreneurial assistance program for high-technology companies. At HA/tch, budding entrepreneurs can commercialize their innovative ideas, start new companies, and acquire the business skills and knowledge necessary for success in the marketplace. Consisting of SHSU’s Small Business Development Center, Business Incubators, and Center for Emergent Technologies, HA/tch is a one-stop-shopping location for the development of innovative ideas that lead to the creation of successful and sustainable East Texas-based businesses.
### Idea Finishing School (IFS)

**Location:** San Antonio  
**Founded:** 2009  
**Website:** www.ideafinishingschool.com  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Office space and furniture; network connectivity; and legal, accounting, and banking services
- 3-6 month development programs including company technology reviews, working up business and marketing plans, and investor presentations
- Legal, accounting, marketing, and funding assistance
- Access to assistance from in-house accredited investors and advisors

**Additional Information:** The Idea Finishing School (IFS), located in the San Antonio Technology Center, is a Texas corporation made up of a combination of collaborators and investors, functioning primarily as an accelerator. The IFS team of accredited investors also acts on the School’s Advisory Board. The IFS provides assistance to startups across technology-focused industries in exchange for company equity.

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### IBM PartnerWorld - Austin & Dallas

**Locations:** Austin and Dallas  
**Founded:** N/A  
**Website:** www.ibm.com/partnerworld  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers online, remote, and face-to-face training, marketing, technical, and other assistance
- Exclusive local networking and mentoring events, free software, and technical support
- Collaborates with IBM and other Business Partners through its worldwide centers

**Additional Information:** Housed at IBM Innovation Centers in Austin and Dallas, the IBM PartnerWorld program helps entrepreneurs build, market, and sell high tech solutions. Entrepreneurs can use IBM’s centers to port and test solutions, close deals with clients, and collaborate with IBM, Business Partners, academic leaders, IT professionals and entrepreneurs. IBM Partnerworld is a global program available to registered participants and across many industries, including banking, consumer products, insurance, energy, healthcare, life sciences, retail, and transportation. One notable area IBM’s Dallas Center focuses on is telecommunications, given its proximity to Richardson’s Telecom Corridor. Both Texas Centers focus on Big Data and Analytics as well as other IBM strategic initiatives.
Incubation Station

Location: Austin  
Founded: 2012  
Website: www.theincubationstation.com/TheStation.html  
Specialization: Consumer products – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Provides access to a consortium of Austin’s entrepreneurs, investors, and advisors to mentor market-validated consumer products companies in effectively manufacturing, distributing, marketing, and growing products and services
- Offers a 12-14 week accelerator program to selected companies, targeting companies from launch phase to $3 million in revenues; $5,000-$20,000/participating founder; one-on-one mentorship; complementary legal services worth up to $3,500/company; conference/workspace; and access to investment sources, service providers, and other critical resources
- The accelerator program also offers access to a Funding Forum with qualified investors and businesses in the target industries

Additional Information: Incubation Station, an ancillary but separate business of the Austin law firm of Moster Wynne Ressler, P.C. (doing business as MWR Legal), guides consumer product goods companies through improvements in manufacturing processes, national distribution, strong advisory board building to full equity funding, retail strategies, distribution/logistics, marketing, and product development.

InCube Labs - San Antonio

Location: San Antonio  
Founded: 2010  
Website: www.incubelabs.com  
Specialization: Biotech – Medical Devices and Pharmaceuticals

Services & Facilities:
- 20,000 sq. ft. facility includes wet labs, a machine shop, and two Class 100 clean rooms
- Capabilities include electronics, mechanical engineering, material science, software/firmware, embedded systems, cell biology, pharmacology, physiology, protein and polymer chemistry, tissue engineering and regenerative medicine, implantable devices, remote patient monitoring, as well as clinical development and manufacturing
- InCube Labs’ venture fund, InCube Ventures, has a diversified portfolio of early, mid, and late-stage life sciences companies

Additional Information: With operations in San Jose, California and San Antonio, Texas, InCube Labs LLC is a life sciences research lab focused on developing medical breakthroughs that dramatically improve patient outcomes. The company collaborates with universities and entrepreneurs in Texas and around the country to help identify promising innovations and bring them to market. In 2010, InCube Labs received $9.2 million through the Texas Emerging Technology Fund and moved three of its most promising startups from California to Texas: Fe3 Medical Inc., Corhythm Inc., and Neurolink Inc. In May 2013, InCube Labs launched two new life sciences companies in San Antonio - Theracle and iBridge Medical - to join the existing three companies.
Innovation Greenhouse at the University of North Texas (UNT)

Location: Denton  
Founded: 2013  
Website: http://innovation.unt.edu  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Programs and training from entrepreneurs, investors, and community leaders; support from UNT facility and access to UNT resources
- An annual Sherman/Barsanti Inspiration Awards Competition recognizes students with an innovative and original project, invention, and musical or literary composition or artwork

Additional Information: In February 2013, the University of North Texas (UNT) opened a new campus-wide program called Innovation Greenhouse (IG). IG is a resource to help UNT students bring ideas to life, apply what they learn in the classroom, and use knowledge gained through hands-on experience to succeed in the rapidly growing innovation field. UNT’s long-term goal is to have a separate building for Innovation Greenhouse.

Innovation Underground (IU)

Location: Bryan  
Founded: 2011  
Website: http://iu.adventgx.com/  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Services include assistance with business formation and planning, financial modeling, mentoring, strategy development, marketing and creative services, fundraising and technical support, business training and tools, personal and professional development, and the resources of a strong network to grow local businesses
- Offers monthly networking luncheons and a quarterly expert panel review
- Provides a shared conference room, a collaboration area, a kitchen, and an Innovation Series & Resource Library

Additional Information: Innovation Underground (IU), operated by Advent GX, is a privately-owned business incubator located in historic downtown Bryan, Texas. Advent GX, a private company located at the Texas A&M University Research Park in College Station, started IU to lend support for local, community-based economic development and historic preservation while encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation and to meet the need for business incubation at the community level by engaging experienced entrepreneurs in the process of supporting new startups.
**Jon Brumley Texas Venture Labs (TVL) at UT Austin**

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** 2010  
**Website:** [www.mccombs.utexas.edu/Centers/Texas-Venture-Labs.aspx](http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/Centers/Texas-Venture-Labs.aspx)  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Access to a team of 5-6 graduate students who contribute on average a total of 30 hours per week in areas including market validation, competitive and financial analysis, and business model assessment  
- Access to a series of lectures delivered by distinguished UT faculty and industry presenters  
- The opportunity to present at UT Austin’s semi-annual Venture Expo, a showcase for “investor ready” startups

**Additional Information:** Jon Brumley Texas Venture Labs (TVL) at UT Austin is a campus-wide initiative with two missions: to accelerate UT Austin and Central Texas startups and to transform UT Austin graduate students into entrepreneurs and business leaders. TVL works primarily with companies that have a strong tie to the UT System and is focused on healthcare, software, and physical sciences-based companies, as well as being open to other industries. TVL is also home to the international Venture Labs Investment Competition (formerly Moot Corp), which has been dubbed the “Super Bowl of Investment Competitions.” Since 2010, the TVL has worked with over 40 startups. TVL companies have raised over $49 million with a median raise of $1.6 million.

**Kitchen Incubator**

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2007  
**Websites:** [www.facebook.com/kitchenincubator](http://www.facebook.com/kitchenincubator)  
**Specialization:** Food and Beverage Industry

**Services & Facilities:**
- Fully-equipped commercial kitchens in a downtown Houston facility  
- Comprehensive advisory and business development services; Food Business Boot Camp  
- Assistance with certification processes, forms, and contacts  
- Mentoring, networking, and promotional events

**Additional Information:** Kitchen Incubator (KI), LLC is run by a mother-daughter team and indicates it is the only organization in Texas fully devoted to full time incubation of craft food businesses. Its goal is to increase entrepreneurial success in the culinary industry, along with access to facilities and equipment in a coworking environment conducive to collaboration, networking, and mentorship. KI has helped launch dozens of concepts in food businesses and now co-houses another incubator, The Brewery Incubator.
Knowledge for Success (KFS)

Location: Fort Worth  
Founded: 2010  
Website: http://knowledgeforsuccess.org/  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Specializes in Business Startup, Marketing, Small Business Development, Business Plans, Networking, Entrepreneurs, Home Based Businesses, and Social Media
- KFS’ core 10 week business program, New Quest, provides startups and recent small business owners hands-on training in everything from market research, legal resources, to financing; one-on-one counseling; startup funding, and more

Additional Information: Knowledge for Success (KFS) is a non-profit organization that specializes in small business development, with a focus on small business startups and women entrepreneurs. KFS is owned and run by Toni Allisson, an award-winning self-made woman and entrepreneur who has launched and run successful businesses in the hospitality and retail services and health industry.

LAUNCH Innovative Business Accelerator (IBA) at Baylor University

Location: Waco  
Founded: 2013  
Website: www.baylor.edu/launch/  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- A variety of tools to speed a new product or business through the commercialization pipeline
- Company and entrepreneur coaching, networking and mentoring opportunities, funding assistance, and business experts
- Offers accelerated Commercialization Program and global market development programs

Additional Information: The LAUNCH Innovative Business Accelerator is a joint venture between Baylor University’s Office of the Provost of Research and the Baylor Hankamer School of Business. LAUNCH is housed in the 330,000 sq. ft. Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative (BRIC) and staffed through the Baylor Hankamer School of Business. Its goal is to help startups and established technology companies grow their business more rapidly by taking advantage of the University's research and academic intellectual capital and its economic development partners in McLennan County.
LONGHORN STARTUP

Longhorn Startup Lab at the University of Texas at Austin

Location: Austin
Founded: N/A
Website: www.1semesterstartup.com
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Three tracks are offered: (1) Longhorn Startup Seminars are open enrollment classes open to UT Austin undergraduate students from any college and introduce students to the world of startups; (2) Longhorn Startup Labs requires professor approval and an application to register from active UT Austin student startup teams for mentoring, workshops, lectures, etc.; and (3) Longhorn Startup Studios provide UT professors guidance in technology commercialization from the LSL team
- Provides successful entrepreneurs as mentors

Additional Information: Longhorn Startup Lab (LSL), FKA 1 Semester Startup, is a collaboration of UT Austin’s Professor of Innovation Bob Metcalfe and Austin-based Capital Factory co-founder Josh Baer. LSL provides support to UT Austin student- and professor-led ideas and fosters student startups through a semester-long class and an on-campus lab.

The McA2 Creative Incubator (McA2) in McAllen

Location: McAllen
Founded: 2004
Specialization: Artists and Arts Organizations

Services & Facilities:
- Affordable private office spaces with 24/7 access and WiFi, classroom and theatre spaces, and an art gallery
- 13 low cost studios, managerial advice, as well as legal and technical support to qualified artisans with qualified projects
- Training is provided, including business basics for entrepreneurs, financial reporting, marketing, and legal issues
- Participating artisans are required to develop a business plan and hold one art event or program per year that will promote both their businesses and the Creative Incubator

Additional Information: The McAllen Chamber of Commerce’s McA2 Creative Incubator (McA2) provides support and a home for local artists throughout the Rio Grande Valley. In 2012, the McA2 moved into a newly remodeled facility, thanks to an agreement between the McAllen Chamber and City of McAllen. The space is modern, spacious, well maintained, and conveniently located in the heart of McAllen’s Art District.
**Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MHCC) Business Incubator**

- **Location**: Midland
- **Founded**: 2002
- **Website**: www.midlandhcc.com
- **Specialization**: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Furnished office space equipped with business and receptionist services
- Access to a computer lab and two conference rooms
- Specialized business counseling and guidance

**Additional Information:** The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MHCC) Business Incubator is one of the few non-profit in-house incubator programs in Texas and indicates it is the only one in the West Texas area. It provides early stage businesses a support net where they can be nurtured and grow, supporting entrepreneurs of all nationalities as well as non-members of the MHCC. In 2004, the MHCC Business Incubator received a $20,000 technology grant from AT&T and U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

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**Microsoft Technology Center (MTC): Dallas**

- **Location**: Irving
- **Founded**: N/A
- **Specialization**: High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- The MTCs include a spectrum of purpose built environments to ensure world class learning and development experiences
- The MTCs have formed alliances with industry leaders to provide comprehensive resources, including hardware, software, and services, for the duration of a team’s engagement
- The MTC staffers are experts in Microsoft technology solutions, work side by side with a team to rapidly find solutions to technology challenges, and their expertise and in-depth knowledge of Microsoft products and technologies ensure that entrepreneurs benefit from development best practices

**Additional Information:** Microsoft Technology Centers (MTCs) are collaborative environments that provide access to innovative technologies and world-class expertise, enabling participants to envision, design, and deploy solutions to meet their exact needs. MTCs focus on business needs, including application platform and business productivity optimization; cloud services; mobility; unified communications; and virtualization.
MIT Enterprise Forum of Texas (Houston)

Location: Houston
Founded: 1984
Website: www.miteftexas.org
Specialization: High Tech – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Organizes 7 Flagship Programs, 7 New Venture Clinics, and 3 Networking Socials annually
- The New Venture Clinics cost $150 per company plus $25 for additional company attendees and provide business advice and assistance to startup companies
- The Flagship Programs range from speeches on industries and startup strategies to an annual business forecast luncheon

Additional Information: The MIT Enterprise Forum of Texas (MITEF) is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and MIT Technology Review Magazine. MITEF is one of 27 worldwide chapters. The Forum’s goal is to promote technology entrepreneurship in the Houston community by producing world-class educational and networking programs.

Mountain View College (MVC) Business Incubator Program

Location: Dallas
Founded: 2009
Website: www.mountainviewcollege.edu/business/econdev/Pages/businessincubator.aspx
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Offers individual offices, meeting/conference space, a computer lab, training classrooms, 24/7 security access and video surveillance, state-of-the-art high speed Internet and telephone facilities, and ample nearby parking
- Rents 200-400 sq. ft. offices at $250-$450/month
- Access to Credit Courses and Continuation Education Training

Additional Information: The Mountain View College (MVC) Business Incubator Program (BIP) is overseen by the MVC’s Economic and Workforce Development Department and provides service and support to new and developing businesses within the southern sector of Dallas County. As the only Dallas County Community College District business incubator south of the Trinity River, the MVC BIP’s goal is to assist small business entrepreneurs in becoming healthy contributors to the economy and employment base of the community.
Napkin Venture

Location: Austin
Founded: 2012
Website: http://napkinventure.com
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Offers free Brainstorming Sessions and fee-based consultation services
- Offers fee-based startup services to assist with business model, market, and customer validation; business strategy; marketing; pitch prep sessions; exit strategies; and business documents, including intellectual property
- Provides “drop-in management teams” for periods ranging from a couple of weeks

Additional Information: Napkin Venture is run by a team of business specialists that can assist with everything from business legal documents to providing “drop-in C level” management (CEO, CTO, etc.). The portfolio companies listed on Napkin Venture’s website range from a variety of service companies to a video game development firm.

North Texas Enterprise Center for Technology (NTEC)

Location: Frisco
Founded: 2003
Website: www.ntec-inc.org
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- 50,000 sq. ft. high-tech development center with furnished offices, cubicles, lab seats, conference rooms with state-of-the-art business services, 24/7 secured key access, video surveillance, and ample parking
- Specialized biologic, chemical, medical device, electronics, and prototype labs with state-of-the-art equipment
- Amenities include a receptionist, seminar room, lunch room, coffee/tea service bars, and a fitness center
- Access to business, academic, legal, and marketing assistance; and financial partners and advisors
- Hosts/co-hosts CEO roundtables, professional development and executive education series, investment forums, business plan competitions, and an annual MedVentures venture capital conference

Additional Information: The North Texas Enterprise Center for Technology (NTEC) is a non-profit that specializes in assisting startups in emerging technologies and provides a comprehensive suite of facilities and services to accelerate companies’ market entry and attract investment capital. The NTEC has built a reputation as a leading medical technology accelerator in the Southwest. Since 2010, the NTEC is also actively supporting "cleantech" ventures. To date, the NTEC has supported several dozen early-stage technology based businesses.
**NSBRI Industry Forum**

*Location:* Houston  
*Founded:* N/A  
*Website:* www.nsbiforum.org  
*Specialization:* Biotech – Space Biomedical

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers seed-stage opportunities and funding through the SMARTCAP program and a new SMARTCAP-Accel program for small U.S. companies
- Access to scientific and technology commercialization-related NSBRI workshops, seminars, and other events
- Provides market analysis reporting to NSBRI-funded investigators, match-making with potential partners, and funding for proof-of-concept studies to bring the technologies to a point where they can attract investors

**Additional Information:** The NSBRI (National Space Biomedical Research Institute) Industry Forum is a non-profit organization affiliated with the NSBRI. NSBRI, established by NASA in 1997, consists of over 70 agencies, universities, and institutions led by the Baylor College of Medicine, with a mission to develop health-related solutions to support long-duration human space exploration. The NSBRI Industry Forum’s goal is to commercialize private sector biomedical and NSBRI-funded technology.

**OpenIncubate**

*Location:* Austin  
*Founded:* 2013  
*Website:* http://openincubate.com/  
*Specialization:* High Technology – Product-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers seed funding, work space, and mentorship to admitted teams with no pre-defined limit on the number of teams or dollars invested.
- Operates out of Capital Factory’s downtown Austin facility

**Additional Information:** OpenIncubate is an accelerator program formed to fund teams using open source IP to transform the IT infrastructure layer, backed by Austin Ventures, Battery Ventures, and The Valley Fund. Qualifying companies or teams of entrepreneurs must be product-oriented (versus services), and must utilize open source frameworks aimed at building on and refining the concept of the software-defined data centers in areas of innovation including hardware, software, and networking.
OwlSpark at Rice University

Location: Houston
Founded: 2013
Website: http://rcel.rice.edu/owlspark
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- Features a 90-day summer accelerator experience for 9 teams
- Offers initial funding, coworking space at Rice’s BioScience Research Collaborative building (BRC), a living stipend, and relevant industry mentorship
- At the end of the three months, OwlSpark hosts a pitch day with Houston VCs and angel investors attending

Additional Information: OwlSpark is an accelerator program created by Rice University students to ignite entrepreneurship at Rice University by providing Rice-affiliated startup teams with the resources, funding, and space required to launch companies and commercialize technologies. The program focuses on Rice students or recent graduates who are trying to start a business.

Pike Powers Laboratory & Center for Commercialization Lab (PPL)

Location: Austin
Founded: 2013
Website: www.pecanstreet.org/projects/lab
Specialization: Energy-Related Technology

Services & Facilities:
- Commercialization, research, and education services
- Access to Pecan Street data at UT’s Texas Advanced Computing Center
- Provides the opportunity for original utility-focused research, commercialization, and testing for entrepreneurs, startups, and UT Austin faculty/students

Additional Information: Named after one of Texas’ most iconic champions of technology and economic development, the 38,000 sq. ft. Pike Powers Laboratory & Center for Commercialization (PPL) opened in June 2013 to promote research, commercialization, and educational opportunities for UT Austin students, faculty, and startups from UT’s Austin Technology Incubator (ATI). The PPL is owned and operated by Pecan Street Inc., a non-profit headquartered at UT Austin and public-private initiative to make Central Texas an energy technology hub. As the nation’s first non-profit smart grid research lab, the PPL serves as an elite industry-caliber facility where Pecan Street and UT Austin students and researchers can collaborate with the private sector on cutting-edge applied research that is consumer-focused on smart grids, solar PV, natural gas fuel cells, energy storage and management systems, vehicle charging, and disaggregation technologies.
**preAccelerate**

- **Location:** Austin
- **Founded:** 2012
- **Website:** http://preaccelerate.com
- **Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers a six-week pre-accelerator bootcamp including free office space; free legal organization documents; one-on-one mentoring from entrepreneurs, investors, and executives; classes; and access to a Demo Day funding forum
- At the end of each six-week bootcamp, the company with the best overall business proposal receives $5,000 in seed money and additional prizes

**Additional Information:** preAccelerate is a specialized incubator bootcamp operated by a team of experienced entrepreneurs who assist pre-seed stage companies. Its services are designed to take a budding entrepreneur “from napkin to reality.” Companies selected for participation must transfer 6% equity in exchange for program entry. preAccelerate’s sponsors include Napkin Venture, Tech Ranch Austin, and MWR Legal.

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**Rapid Response Manufacturing Center (RRMC) at UT-RGV**

- **Location:** Edinburg
- **Founded:** 2008
- **Website:** http://portal.utpa.edu/utpa_main/daa_home/cose_home/rrmc_home
- **Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Training and implementation of advanced manufacturing tools such as Lean Manufacturing, Six Sigma, Quality Systems and Logistics Management; programs are customized to the needs of the customer
- Development of customized innovation processes to quickly take ideas from inception to commercialization
- Offers rapid prototype development and technical issues analysis

**Additional Information:** The Rapid Response Manufacturing Center (RRMC) is associated with the North American Advanced Manufacturing Research and Education Initiative and the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley (UT-RGV). It supports the manufacturing industry in general with a focus on disruptive and emerging technologies, small and medium size enterprises, and assisting entrepreneurs in the formation of new enterprises. The RRMC’s goal is to help establish South Texas as a major North American manufacturing hub by providing advance manufacturing technologies, processes and tools, and a skilled labor force to rapidly commercialize new products/processes and drive world class operational excellence and sustained growth.
RED Labs at the University of Houston (UH)

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2013  
**Website:** http://redlabs.bauer.uh.edu/  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Provides space on UH campus; access to mentors and resources in the startup community; and assistance with idea validation, business modeling, and product building
- 12 week programs ending with a Demo Day, with investors and startup community members in attendance
- Access-controlled campus coworking space includes unlimited coffee and ramen, conference room access, storage lockers, Ethernet, WiFi, power plugs, and flat screens with HDMI/VGA inputs
- Sponsors, including Amazon, Microsoft, and Digital Ocean, have provided services to RED Labs companies

**Additional Information:** RED Labs is a coworking space and startup accelerator at the University of Houston’s (UH) Bauer College of Business. At least one member of applicant startup teams must be an actively enrolled UH graduate or undergraduate student. All types of companies and ideas are welcome; however, startups that incorporate technology as a vital component of their business are preferred. RED Labs does not offer startup funding or equity sharing.

Red River Region Business Incubator (R3bi)

**Location:** Paris  
**Founded:** 2010  
**Website:** www.r3bi.org  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Office space rentals including utilities, maintenance, and janitorial services and common areas with office equipment, administrative support, conference rooms, a classroom, and a kitchen/breakroom
- Coworking use of facilities on a monthly basis or an hourly basis plus per-use services fees
- Business classes, seminars, mentoring, counseling, and consulting sessions

**Additional Information:** The Red River Region Business Incubator’s (R3bi) mission is to improve the economic viability of new and emerging businesses by fostering entrepreneurial growth and enterprise development. The R3bi recruits, trains and nurtures entrepreneurial talent to encourage the growth of sustainable businesses.
Research Valley Innovation Center (RVIC)

Location: Bryan/College Station  
Founded: 2007  
Website: www.rvic.org  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
■ Marketing, business strategy, and intellectual property assistance; SBIR and pre-incubation guidance; management team coaching; and team development and mentoring  
■ Investment networking and support, including the Aggie Angel Network, Texas Emerging Technology Fund, SBIR/STTR, and other venture funding sources  
■ Office and wet lab space leasing and hoteling, online project management system, and online market research

Additional Information: Research Valley Innovation Center (RVIC) is an operating unit (service program) of The Research Valley Partnership, an economic development organization that further promotes RVIC member clients in a region known as the “Innovation Capital of Texas.” RVIC is a science and technology incubator/accelerator that maintains strong relations with the Texas A&M enterprise to network entrepreneurs and helps move research discoveries and technology innovations from campus to the global marketplace. Additionally, RVIC helps businesses improve their competitiveness through international incubation alliances in Europe, Pacific Asia, and the Middle East.

Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship

Location: Houston  
Founded: 2000  
Website: www.alliance.rice.edu  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
■ Rice Alliance Technology Venture Forum programs and Rice Alliance Digest Newsletter  
■ Rice University Business Plan Competition, which provides the opportunity for promising entrepreneurs to obtain funding, mentoring, and advice

Additional Information: The Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship (Rice Alliance) is Rice University’s nationally-recognized initiative devoted to the support of technology commercialization, entrepreneurship education, and the launch of technology companies. It was formed as a strategic alliance of three schools: the George R. Brown School of Engineering, the Wiess School of Natural Sciences, and the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business, in collaboration with the Vice Provost and the Office of Research. Its mission is to support the creation of technology-based companies and the commercialization of new technologies in the Houston community and the Southwest. Since its inception, the Rice Alliance has assisted in the launch of more than 311 startups which have raised more than $1.3 billion dollars in early-stage capital.
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**Rice Launch at Rice University**

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2010  
**Website:** http://rcel.rice.edu/ricelaunch  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers workshops/lectures, brainstorming sessions with mentors, and team competitions  
- Provides opportunities to network with venture capitalists, entrepreneurs, and businesses in the Houston area, and to pitch venture ideas to potential investors in a formal setting;  

**Additional Information:** Rice Launch is an undergraduate student group formed to connect, energize, and enable Rice undergraduates, graduates, and MBAs to initiate and capably pursue their own entrepreneurial ventures. The organization is the result of the merging of three separate entrepreneurial groups on campus: OwlSquad, Rice Business Collaborative-Entrepreneurship and Rice Sprout. Rice Launch is sponsored by Rice Alliance, Rice Engineering, and the Rice Center for Engineering Leadership. It focuses on five main sectors: Life Science, Energy, Information Technology, Consumer Products, and Social Entrepreneurship.

**Roadrunner Incubator at UTSA**

**Location:** San Antonio  
**Founded:** 2007  
**Website:** http://business.utsa.edu/cite/cite_rrincubator.aspx  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Industry Partnership Program with UTSA researchers, core facilities, specialized equipment, and labs  
- Access to UTSA IP and joint commercialization efforts  
- Strategic business plans from UTSA’s Management of Technology and MBA students  
- Mentoring and training programs, Entrepreneur Boot Camp, office and lab space, market research assistance, and advice about/access to private and government funding resources  

**Additional Information:** The Roadrunner Incubator, located at UT at San Antonio’s (UTSA)’s Center for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship (CITE), is an incubator for early-stage UTSA student companies from the 100K competition and the entrepreneurship program. The incubator hosts and nurtures new UTSA technology ventures while connecting them to the broader San Antonio Entrepreneurial Ecosystem. Successful new companies launched in the Incubator will quickly transition out into the broader technology-based regional business ecosystem.
### San Antonio Clean Energy Incubator (SACEI)

**Location:** San Antonio  
**Founded:** 2011  
**Website:** [http://texasenergy.utsa.edu/research/san-antonio-clean-energy-incubator](http://texasenergy.utsa.edu/research/san-antonio-clean-energy-incubator)  
**Specialization:** Energy-Related Technology

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Business planning and mentoring, support in conducting business and research, and fundraising assistance  
- Access to lab and office facilities, capital sources including investors and government, and business development opportunities  
- Experienced staff and extensive networking with private and public partners and business leaders

**Additional Information:** The San Antonio Clean Energy Incubator (SACEI) is a collaborative partnership between UTSA’s Texas Sustainable Energy Research Institute (TSERI), the Texas State Energy Conservation Office, UTSA’s Institute for Economic Development, the San Antonio Clean Tech Forum, the Mission Verde Alliance, and UT’s Austin Technology Incubator. SACEI's mission is to develop new companies and foster new business activity related to clean technology in San Antonio in ways that can be expanded to Texas, the nation, and the world, in order to promote socioeconomic prosperity.

### Silsbee EDC (SEDC) Business Incubator Program

**Location:** Silsbee  
**Founded:** 2007  
**Website:** [www.silsbeeedc.com/incubator.html](http://www.silsbeeedc.com/incubator.html)  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Low cost leases on professional office space, including access to Internet services, a conference table, office equipment, and a kitchen  
- Access to business consultants with accounting, business plan preparation, and legal backgrounds  
- Network connections for business expansion, retention, and financing  
- Mentoring and support from the local SBA and network connections for business expansion, retention, and financing

**Additional Information:** The Silsbee Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Business Incubator Program is the first business incubator in Hardin County. The incubator’s success stories include supporting the expansion efforts of the Christian Women Job Corps and a Farmers Insurance agent. Both businesses benefited from access to business consultants and mentoring offered through the SEDC Business Incubator Program.
STAR Park at Texas State University

Location: San Marcos  
Founded: 2010  
Website: www.txstate.edu/ocir/STAR-Park.html  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
■ 20,000 sq. ft. building including wet labs, instrumentation lab, office space, and a conference room  
■ Mentoring and access to capital equipment

Additional Information: The Texas State University (Texas State)-San Marcos STAR (Science, Technology, and Advanced Research) Park is a 38-acre site which hosts Texas State’s first building, STAR One, dedicated to the university’s research and commercialization efforts. Officially opening in November 2012, STAR One serves as a technology accelerator for startup and early-stage businesses. The facility is particularly focused on the development of spin-offs from research conducted and IP generated by Texas State faculty and spin-ins from companies outside the state that want to strategically work with the university.

Startup Aggieland at Texas A&M University

Location: College Station  
Founded: 2013  
Website: http://startupaggieland.tamu.edu/  
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
■ Offers free guidance and 24-7 access to office space, coffee, and web hosting  
■ Mentoring provided by Texas A&M University (TAMU) faculty/researchers and alumni, experienced entrepreneurs, and business leaders  
■ Assistance from the Brazos Valley Small Business Development Center, the local Chamber of Commerce, Aggie Angel Network, and the TEEX Product Development Center  
■ Instruction and assistance in multiple disciplines, including finance, marketing, and engineering

Additional Information: Startup Aggieland, located at TAMU Research Park II, is a student business incubator, accelerator, and coworking space that helps all TAMU students of any area of study with their entrepreneurial endeavors. Since its opening, the accelerator has already launched 16 student-founded startups.
**Surge Accelerator**

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2011  
**Website:** www.surgeaccelerator.com  
**Specialization:** Energy-Related Technology

**Services & Facilities:**  
- SURGE selects the best companies from around the world to participate in an intensive 90 day bootcamp each spring which includes mentoring and networking, culminating in an Investor Demo Day to showcase the companies to energy industry investors, customers, and experts  
- Participating program companies receive operation funding and support plus free office space, IT services, banking, company formation and legal documents, financial plan assistance, mentoring, and press support

**Additional Information:** SURGE Accelerator states it is the world’s only seed fund and early stage accelerator for energy software entrepreneurs. Its location in Houston, “The Energy Capital of the World,” ensures that SURGE participants have access to investors, entrepreneurs, customers, suppliers, and executives from many of the world's largest and technology savvy energy companies. Since its initial 2012 program, SURGE has invested in 23 companies which have raised $20 million in funding and landed over 75 enterprise customers.

**Startup Weekend Dallas / Fort Worth**

**Location:** Dallas  
**Founded:** N/A  
**Website:** http://dallas.startupweekend.org/  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Over a weekend, participating teams pitch their business ideas, then selected teams receive advice from professional mentors, build proof of concept or even products, and present/demo on the last day before judges  
- Professional mentors and coaches are provided  
- Sponsors include local and national businesses and educational institutions

**Additional Information:** Startup Weekend is a non-profit organization that holds events to jumpstart entrepreneurship in cities across the nation. The organization’s revenues come primarily from global and regional sponsors and grants, led by The Kauffman Foundation. Registered participants attend scheduled 52-hour weekend events that are part meet-up, part entrepreneurial education, part demo day, and for some, the start of a new viable business. All types of businesses are welcome, although roughly 50% are technical (developers, coders, designers) and 50% are business-related (marketing, finance, law). Business teams are encouraged; however, sole entrepreneurs can register for limited participation.
T3D3 Business Accelerator

Location: San Antonio
Founded: 2009
Website: http://t3dc.org/t3dc/accelerator-t3dc-accelerator-description-and-location
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- 4,000 sq. ft. facility that includes both wet and dry lab space, a conference room, offices, and cubicles
- Access to capital, strategic business planning, venture development assistance, seminars, and coaching; business services such as marketing research, business accounting, legal, and personnel recruitment; laboratory, engineering, other technical assets; and the San Antonio entrepreneurial community

Additional Information: The T3D3 Business Accelerator is located at the Texas Technology Development Center (T3DC), which manages the McDermott Pre-Seed Fund, providing up to $100,000 in startup capital to support San Antonio-based startups. T3DC provides startup support to new bioscience and technology ventures and offers entrepreneurs an environment to fast-track their venture to market. It is affiliated with the Texas Research & Technology Foundation, which serves as the South Texas Regional Center of Innovation and Commercialization (RCIC). T3D3 has many San Antonio partners, including area universities and colleges, local governments and EDCs, BioMed SA, and Texas Biomedical Research Institute.

SXSW Accelerator

Location: Austin
Founded: 2009
Website: http://sxsw.com/interactive/accelerator
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Annual showcase designed to connect companies with web-based innovations to industry experts, early adapters, and representatives from the global venture capital community
- Industry connections at SXSW Interactive, a major conference and networking event

Additional Information: The SXSW Accelerator event takes place during the annual SXSW Interactive Festival. To participate in the pitch competition, the 48 startups selected from the U.S. and around the world must have products or services in specified categories, which include Enterprise and Big Data Technologies; Entertainment and Content Technologies (music, gaming, publishing, film, television, etc.); Health Technologies; Social Technologies; Wearable Technologies; and Innovative World Technologies. *The 2014 application deadline was Nov. 10, 2013.*
TECH Fort Worth

Location: Fort Worth  
Founded: 1998  
Website: www.techfortworth.org  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Acceleration Program: Assists early stage companies with attaining community visibility, creating a business infrastructure, developing a management team, recruiting external advisors, accessing funding, and obtaining lease space of one of TECH Fort Worth’s facilities
- Incubation Workshop: An intensive 12-week program designed for very early stage startups to create feasible business plans around unique/proprietary technologies with a high potential for success in the marketplace
- TECH Nest: A year-round program offering monthly luncheon workshops and quarterly networking events
- SATOP (the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program): A cooperative program between the states of Texas, Florida, New Mexico, and New York providing space technology technical assistance to small businesses
- Cowtown Angels: A TECH Fort Worth program that connects high-performance technology-based startups with accredited investors in North Texas

Additional Information: TECH Fort Worth is a public-private non-profit partnership of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, the City of Fort Worth, and the North Texas business community. The business incubator helps technology-focused entrepreneurs bring innovative technologies to market and aims to produce successful companies.

Tech Ranch Austin

Location: Austin  
Founded: 2008  
Website: www.techranchaustin.com  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- 11,000 sq. ft. of office space and common areas, including rental space
- Technical training classes and signature development programs including its flagship training program, an 8-week boot camp called Venture Forth, designed to take companies from idea to revenue
- Mentorship from successful entrepreneurs
- Connections to the entrepreneurial ecosystem

Additional Information: Tech Ranch Austin is a technology incubator that provides pre-seed and seed stage tech startups with the instruction, training, and guidance needed to drive business success. The Tech Ranch Austin community is made up of entrepreneurs, advisors, investors, and subject matter experts that find and offer solutions in a collaborative, coworking environment that supports an entrepreneurial ecosystem. More than 300 companies have been impacted by the organization’s services to date.
Tech Wildcatters

Location: Dallas  
Founded: 2010  
Website: www.techwildcatters.com  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- 3 month accelerator program in which each company receives $25,000 in seed funding and up to $250,000 convertible notes; intensive top-notch mentoring; and the opportunity to pitch to angel investors, venture capitalists, and corporate development teams at the end of program “Pitch Day” and during a Silicon Valley roadshow
- Access to mentors who have “been there, done that”

Additional Information: Tech Wildcatters is a mentor-driven technology startup accelerator led by entrepreneurs with a focus on B2B and B2B2C technology. In 2012, it was recognized as one of Forbes top 10 seed accelerators. Dallas-based Health Wildcatters, founded in 2013, is based on Tech Wildcatters’s model.

TECHcelerator at Texas Tech University

Location: El Paso and Lubbock  
Founded: 2005  
Website: http://innovatetexastech.com/techcelerator/  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- 4 month program includes experienced mentorship, business planning, and an intensive curriculum culminating in a Demo Day where participants pitch to potential investors, business leaders, and community stakeholders
- Winning participants are selected to travel to Austin, Silicon Valley, or other hubs to pitch and network

Additional Information: TECHcelerator is a Texas Tech University (TTU) technology and new venture accelerator. It is run by Innovate Texas Tech (ITT), the innovation arm of TTU’s Office of Technology Commercialization (OTC) and closely affiliated with the Trans-Pecos/El Paso Regional Center of Innovation and Commercialization (TPEP RCIC), which also operates out of TTU’s OTC. ITT’s goal is to support TTU and West Texas regional innovation, commercialization, and economic development. ITT’s TECHcelerator works with TTU students and established or aspiring entrepreneurs to develop TTU intellectual property and other regional technologies, taking them from idea to business.
Technology Business Accelerator (TechBA) Austin

Location: Austin  
Founded: 2005  
Website: http://techbaaustin.com  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- 5,000 sq. ft. of prime office space with full support
- Pre-Acceleration Program: On-site and remote training on “Doing Business in the U.S.,” development of a business plan to enter the U.S. market, and networking/expo event at the end of the program (TechBA Expo)
- Acceleration Program: Mexican companies move to Austin to develop marketing support and sales in their specific niches; as they develop traction, the program emphasizes management and personnel growth, and access to capital
- Operating in partnership with UT Austin’s IC2 Institute-Global Commercialization Group, TechBA provides a team of seasoned U.S. business people to mentor and coach Mexican entrepreneurs in Austin, Texas
- Network of preferred service providers to help companies in every aspect such as company formation, immigration, moving into Austin, web design, and legal advice

Additional Information: Technology Business Accelerator (TechBA) is a joint program created by the Mexican Secretary of the Economy and the Mexico-US Foundation for Science (FUMEC) to leverage Mexico’s capacity to compete in the global market. TechBA Austin is a program implemented in partnership with the University of Texas at Austin. The program has trained approximately 200 Mexican companies to date.

Technology Incubator West Houston (TIWH)

Location: Katy  
Founded: 2010  
Website: www.TIWH.net  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Offers inexpensive office space leases to client companies, as well as a place to meet
- Mentoring, business, and financial planning assistance and referrals to financing, marketing support, legal and accounting organizations
- Funding Forums, generally on a quarterly basis, to expose clients and other early stage ventures to the venture investment community and angel networks across Texas

Additional Information: Technology Incubator West Houston (TIWH) is a non-profit business incubator focused on early stage companies in the high tech industries and serving greater West Houston and Katy area/the Energy Corridor. TIWH has an experienced advisory board, access to networks of investors, industry experts, and deep community resources. Its experienced entrepreneurs and business development approach can help entrepreneurs successfully launch and provide sustainable growth in early stage companies, as well as in established companies that desire to grow further and rapidly.
**TechStars**

**Location:** Austin (Boulder, CO-based)
**Founded:** 2006
**Website:** www.techstars.com/program/locations/austin
**Specialization:** High Tech – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Provides three months of intensive top-notch mentorship; a variety of perks from TechStars partners who include American Airlines, RackSpace, and Google; and the chance to pitch to angel investors and venture capitalists at the end of the program
- Free office and meeting space, Internet services, mentoring, educational sessions, networking opportunities, and more
- Each company receives $118,000 in funding, with $18,000 in seed funding and an optional $100,000 convertible debt note in exchange for a 6% stake

**Additional Information:** TechStars LLC indicates it is the No. 1 startup accelerator in the world. Thousands of companies apply to TechStars each year and approximately ten companies are selected per program location. TechStars is backed by over 75 different venture capital firms and angel investors. Participating companies average over $1.4 million in outside venture capital raised after leaving TechStars.

**TechStudios**

**Location:** Houston
**Founded:** 2003
**Website:** www.techstudios.net
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Offers business and marketing plan development and management team members on a lease basis
- Provides business incubation services in the U.S., Mexico, Brazil, and Germany

**Additional Information:** TechStudios, LLC is an engineering, IT, and business services company that offers many solutions, including business development and incubation to support the creation of technology-supported companies and the commercialization of new technologies, with an emphasis on web services and online business models. Business incubations under development include Clean Tech - Environmental Engineering Software, Hospitality Services - Designer Solutions, Phone IP - First to Market, Digital Signage, and Supply Chain Competitor - Special Purpose Entity.
Texas Life-Science Collaboration Center (TLCC)

Location: Georgetown  
Founded: 2007  
Website: www.texaslifesciences.com  
Specialization: Biotech – Life Science

Services & Facilities:
- 15,000 sq. ft. Class I commercial building with a common usage, fully equipped wet lab, nanotechnology clean room, and a planned dual-use teaching laboratory
- Infrastructure is in place for reception, conference, security, banking, and legal support services
- A second building with 2,000 sq. ft. available for lease and an additional 80,000 sq. ft. in spec space are under construction
- Offers access to financial services including accounting and established private equity network assistance

Additional Information: The Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center (TLCC) is a non-profit organization that seeks post-incubation medical and biotech companies making the transition from R&D to commercialization. Southwestern University is one of the founding members of the TLCC, along with the City of Georgetown and the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce.

thInc Space

Location: Waco  
Founded: 2013  
Website: http://thincspacewaco.com/  
Specialization: High Tech – Multiple Industries

Services & Facilities:
- Office and community space
- Professional support and networking opportunities
- Access to Baylor University research, academic, and entrepreneurial support resources

Additional Information: The Greater Waco Chamber partnered with Baylor University to launch thInc Space, an incubator for creative start-ups. The combined incubator, community gathering place, and professional support network is also the new headquarters for the Baylor’s Accelerated Ventures program and its related businesses. thInc Space compliments other organizations throughout Greater Waco that are working to support small business and startup activity. They include the Center for Business Excellence and the recently launched SCORE chapter at the Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce, the LAUNCH Innovative Business Accelerator at Baylor, and the Small Business Development Center at McLennan Community College.
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### Thinktiv

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** 2007  
**Website:** [http://thinktiv.com](http://thinktiv.com)  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Implements a “game plan” strategy; creates a unique team of professionals/executives to assist selected high tech companies; and may act as an accelerator, service provider, and investor - but not a mentor
- May take equity/ownership stakes through its network of investors or outright charge for its services.
- Assists with revitalizing and rebranding companies

**Additional Information:** Thinktiv is an Austin-based accelerator with a second location in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Its goal is to quickly, successfully launch businesses into the marketplace, generally within three to four months. Thinktiv has helped hundreds of entrepreneurs and companies since its founding. It works with a range of companies, from startups to late stage opportunities. Since January 2011, Thinktiv has invested over $2 million in seven companies and over $3 million in cash investments in its portfolio companies.

### Tigua Business Center (TBC) Incubator

**Location:** El Paso  
**Founded:** 2012  
**Website:** [www.ysletadelsurpueblo.org/news_detail.sstg?id=127](http://www.ysletadelsurpueblo.org/news_detail.sstg?id=127)  
**Specialization:** Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

**Services & Facilities:**
- Support services and a physical location to qualified businesses
- Coaching, mentoring, networking, and management development services, and financial capital referrals

**Additional Information:** The Tigua Business Center (TBC) Incubator provides incubator services to businesses at which at least one of the principals is an Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo (YDSP) Tribal Member or YDSP Tribal Descendant with a 51% or more ownership position. The TBC Incubator is part of the YDSP Economic Development Department, which was established to explore, develop, and expand tribal economic development and enterprises in order to strengthen the tribe’s self-sufficiency. The YDSP, also known as the Tigua Pueblo or Tribe, is a U.S. federally recognized Native American tribe and sovereign nation. The Tribe has over 1,600 citizens enrolled and a significant presence in the El Paso region.
Tyler Area Business Incubator (TABI)

Location: Tyler
Founded: 1989
Website: www2.tjc.edu/busincubator/
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
- 26,000 sq. ft. of office space with equipped common facilities, a warehouse, storage cages, two loading docks, and a ramp
- General and financial counseling as well as access to technical training at the co-located Tyler Junior College
- Small Business Development Center housed in same building
- Provides a professional environment, knowledgeable assistance and advice, shared resources, and low overhead

Additional Information: The Tyler Area Business Incubator (TABI) is a creative consortium which includes the Tyler Junior College (TJC), City of Tyler, and Tyler Economic Development Council. TABI is located at the TJC’s West Campus. TABI’s mission is to create a central location where local startup and fledging businesses can be nurtured and grow into successful entrepreneurs. Self-sustained since 1999, TABI considers itself a model program, receiving out of town visitors coming to study the Tyler approach when planning their own incubator programs.

The University of Houston (UH) Energy Research Park (ERP)

Location: Houston
Founded: 2009
Website: www.uh.edu/universityservices/erp/
Specialization: Energy-Related Technology

Services & Facilities:
- UH resources including: The Texas Diesel Testing and Research Center, Petroleum Engineering Program, Energy Device Fabrication Lab, National Wind Energy Center, Engineering Machine Shop, world-class UH faculty, and UH education programs and students
- ERP offers low cost office leases as well as industrial and light manufacturing space, professional property management, state-of-the-art IT infrastructure, 24/7 on-site security, and free UH shuttle service

Additional Information: The University of Houston (UH) Energy Research Park (ERP), located on a former Schlumberger Wells Service property, combines education, research, and the commercialization of energy-related programs and technology through the development of industry partnerships. The UH ERP seeks to promote economic development through the incubation of energy-related companies and technologies. It is also the home of several cutting edge energy research programs including: super and semiconducting technologies; diesel, CNG, and catalysis research and testing; hydrocarbon (oil and gas) and geosciences research and education; and wind and solar energy research.
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**The UTSA New Venture Incubator (NVI)**

**Location:** San Antonio  
**Founded:** 2010  
**Website:** http://research.utsa.edu/commercialization/nvi.php  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- Industry Partnership Program with UTSA researchers, core facilities, specialized equipment, and two wet labs
- Access to UTSA IP and joint commercialization efforts
- Strategic business plans from UTSA Management of Technology and MBA students
- Provides office space with business services, a conference room, library access, business consulting, and advice about/access to private and government funding resources

**Additional Information:** The UTSA New Venture Incubator (NVI), located at UTSA’s Center for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship (CITE), is focused on supporting the translation of research into products and services from target companies that are licensing/commercializing UTSA IP, collaborating with UTSA researchers on sponsored research programs, and UTSA student/faculty startups operating in San Antonio. Successful ventures graduate from the NVI into the broader technology-based regional business ecosystem.

**The Venture Development Center (VDC) at UT Dallas (UTD)**

**Location:** Richardson  
**Founded:** 2011  
**Website:** http://utdallas.edu/vdc  
**Specialization:** High Tech – Multiple Industries

**Services & Facilities:**
- 12,700 sq. ft. facility including offices and cubicles, wet rooms, dry labs, conference rooms, and more
- Services include mentoring; strategic, marketing and financing planning; entrepreneurial education; accounting; showcase opportunities; and access to investors and professional service providers
- VDC staff and its Advisory Board of experienced entrepreneurs and investors work with UTD’s Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and Office of Technology Commercialization

**Additional Information:** The VDC at UT Dallas (UTD), housed within the UTD Research and Operations Center, is a dedicated space for spinoff companies that are affiliated with UTD. The VDC provides a vital link between UTD faculty labs and the marketplace by converting the ideas and technologies developed by UTD students and faculty into novel products and services that have a positive impact on society. The VDC will also be home to the Naveen Jindal School of Management's Venture Launch initiative, a discovery-based learning environment for student entrepreneurs.
VentureSpur Dallas

Location: Dallas (Oklahoma City, OK-based)
Founded: 2011
Website: http://venturespur.com/
Specialization: High Tech – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
■ Offers a 12-week accelerator program with mentoring, educational and development workshops, etc., culminating in a Pitch Day where participants demonstrate their products or services to entrepreneurs, angel investors, and venture capitalists
■ Provides 3 months of free office space; a seed investment of $15,000 plus $5,000 per founder, up to $30,000; additional investments through a convertible note vehicle from both the VentureSpur fund and through other investors; educational and development opportunities; free and discounted technical and business services; and road show support with trips planned to Austin and Houston

Additional Information: VentureSpur’s goal is to develop and promote the entrepreneurial and investor community in the central U.S. region. VentureSpur Dallas began offering accelerator services in Dallas, Texas, in Summer 2013 and is located at The Dallas Entrepreneur Center. A 10% equity stake is provided to participating startup companies in exchange for a seed investment and participation in the program.

West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) Enterprise Center

Location: Amarillo
Founded: 2001
Website: www.incubationworks.com
Specialization: Multiple Industries – Service-Based Focus

Services & Facilities:
■ 31,000 sq. ft. facility with easy dock-high delivery access, state-of-the-art commercial kitchen, first class office and production facilities, and a coworking area
■ Client leasing offered at below market rates
■ Access to conference and training rooms and shared kitchen break room areas
■ Offers consultation, coaching, coworking, business, and educational services; connects clients to programs, funding opportunities, and potential business partners; and provides entrepreneurial resources and research support

Additional Information: The West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) Enterprise Center is a multi-use business incubator with a focus on cultivating a diverse mix of entrepreneurs, including those in the food, clean tech, manufacturing, and distribution industries. The mission of the WTAMU Enterprise Center is to apply the principles of business incubation as a catalyst for innovation and entrepreneurial development in order to foster economic growth for Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle region.
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