Introduction

Texas has a strong entrepreneurial spirit that inspires innovative thinking and visionary action. Throughout the state, Texas business incubators provide entrepreneurs with an inexpensive startup environment and a range of administrative, consulting, and networking services. These incubation programs come in many shapes and sizes and serve a variety of communities and markets. They are managed by economic development agencies, chambers of commerce, local governments, for-profit businesses, or colleges and universities.

Of the 48 Texas incubators identified in this directory, 17, or 35%, are Technology-based incubators, with specializations ranging from social networking to aerospace technologies. “Multiple sector” incubators that work with clients from a variety of industries, account for 13, or 27% of the incubation programs within the state. Texas is also home to eight life science-based incubators, seven general business (primarily service-sector) incubators, two creative arts incubators, and one manufacturing incubator.

In addition to this publication, entrepreneurs interested in exploring the incubator concept can request information from several Texas sources, including area economic development agencies, chambers of commerce, and educational institutions.
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Incubator Profiles

Abilene Life Sciences Accelerator (ALSA)

Location: Abilene
Founded: 2010
Website: www.abileneaccelerator.com
Specialization: Life Science

Services & Facilities:
- 22,000 sq. ft. building with available wet lab space options ranging from 600 – 6,000 sq. ft.
- Multi-layered security; back-up for key equipment and systems
- Shared access to advanced equipment including: BDFACS Canto II, C.T.I. Elispot Reader, Biotek Microplate reader and handling system, Omega Ultra-LUM multipurpose imaging system, and the SensiQ unit
- Coordination with angel investors offered to “Partners On-The-Grow”

Additional Information: With state-of-the-art laboratory equipment and a service orientated operating philosophy, the Abilene Life Sciences Accelerator (ALSA) is designed to provide support for early stage life sciences companies through a combination of business development services including business incubation/acceleration and strategic planning. ALSA is dedicated to the commercialization of research and is part of a major initiative to build a vibrant biotech industry in the region to diversify the economy of Abilene and the West Texas region. The Abilene Life Sciences Accelerator is the only incubator/accelerator in West Texas dedicated solely to the life sciences.

Austin Technology Incubator (ATI)

Location: Austin
Founded: 1989
Website: www.ati.utexas.edu
Specialization: Bioscience (diagnostics, therapies, and tools); Clean Energy (energy efficiency and renewable energy); IT; Wireless (mobile applications and network infrastructure)

Services & Facilities:
- Access to professional ATI staff members, contributing students and staff from the University of Texas at Austin, and a community of advisors, mentors, and investors
- Access to public and private capital. ATI assists companies through the process of applying for Federal grants such as Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awards. ATI has strong, long-term relationships with venture and angel investors in the local community

Additional Information: Since its founding, Austin Technology Incubator (ATI), a division of IC2 Institute at The University of Texas at Austin, has worked with over 200 teams of entrepreneurs, who together, have raised almost $750 million in investor capital and created thousands of jobs, according to the organization. Over the past two years, ATI has helped its members raise almost $40 million in investor capital.
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**Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative (BRIC)**

**Location:** Waco  
**Founded:** 2010  
**Website:** www.Baylor.edu/BRIC  
**Specialization:** Technology

**Services & Facilities:**
- 300,000 sq. ft. building consisting of: 175,000 sq. ft. for university graduate research, 50,000 sq. ft. for industry collaboration, 45,000 sq. ft. for high technology workforce development, 30,000 sq. ft. for symposia, workshop training and STEM initiatives, and 15,000 sq. ft. for the Innovative Business Accelerator.
- Three research floors containing high bay (25ft.) wet/dry labs, clean rooms, SEM suite, gravity drop tower, plasma generator, light gas accelerator, a high-speed computing cluster, and communications and control facilities. These floors support research in the areas of aerospace, biomedical and pharmaceuticals, and mechanical, electrical, and computer sciences.

**Additional Information:** The Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative (BRIC) combines a wide array of university research, advanced workforce training and development, industry collaboration, and training/symposia space all under one roof. The Baylor Innovative Business Accelerator (IBA) provides a variety of tools to speed new products and business through the commercialization pipeline. The IBA will be staffed through the Baylor Hankamer School of Business, rated the #2 University in the nation for Entrepreneurship Programs in 2010 by Entrepreneurship Magazine and Princeton Review. Furthermore, a strong alliance between Baylor and its economic development partners in McLennan County allows the BRIC to offer valuable incentives to new or existing high technology business expansion projects.

**Big Bend Region Minority and Small Business Development Center Business Incubator Program**

**Location:** Alpine  
**Founded:** 2005  
**Website:** www.sulross.edu/~sbdc  
**Specialization:** Service Sector

**Services & Facilities:**
- Furnished office space with computers
- Business library and research assistance
- Specialized business counseling and guidance
- Workshops and seminars covering a variety of business subjects

**Additional Information:** The Big Bend Region Minority and Small Business Development Center Business Incubator Program helps existing and startup small business owners develop their management skills and assists small businesses in a variety of startup areas ranging from business plan development and financing to marketing, advertising, and international trade assistance.
Bill J. Priest Institute of Economic Development
Business Incubation Center (BIC)

Location: Dallas
Founded: 1990
Website: www.elcentrocollege.edu/BJP/bic.php
Specialization: Multiple Sectors (service based focus)

Services & Facilities:
■ 30,000 sq. ft. facility that includes conference rooms, weekly cleaning services
■ Access to business counselors who are knowledgeable in a wide range of business topics including: business expansion, government contracting, intellectual property 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 Bill J. Priest Institute of Economic Development Business Incubation Center (BIC) 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.

BioHouston, Inc.

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

Services & Facilities:
■ Matchmaking services through one-on-one meetings between startups and established pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device companies
■ BioHouston hosts the annual Texas Life Science Conference, the largest conference of its kind in Texas
■ Extensive collaboration with Biotechnology Commercialization Center (BCC) at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Additional Information: BioHouston aims to create an environment to stimulate technology transfer and research commercialization. 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: Manufacturing

Services & Facilities:
- FDA registered facility
- Class 100,000 and 10,000 clean rooms for medical and industrial fabrication
- Staff of experienced manufacturing specialists
- Assistance with specification development and research and development consulting

Additional Information: The Biotech Manufacturing Center of Texas (BMC) is a non-profit manufacturing facility and business accelerator with capabilities in extrusion, injection molding, and clean room manufacturing. BMC serves medical professionals, health care institutions, inventors, entrepreneurs, and the general public. Millions of dollars have been invested in the facility to create an atmosphere for research, development, production, and assembly. BMC works as part of an alliance between education, business, and governmental sectors.

Biotechnology Commercialization Center (BCC) at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth)

Location: Houston  
Founded: 2009  
Website: www.uth.tmc.edu/otm/startups/BCC.htm  
Specialization: Life Science

Services & Facilities:
- 15,000 sq. ft. of laboratory and office space dedicated to startup companies, with expansion space possible
- Common space/amenities (conference room, kitchen, etc.)
- Extensive inventory of research equipment
- Access to UTHealth Core Laboratory Services and introductions to UTHealth faculty for collaborations

Additional Information: In just over a year of operation, the Biotechnology Commercialization Center (BCC) at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) has leased more than three-quarters of its available space to ten Texas-based startups. The Center’s focus is to assist biotech entrepreneurs and small companies with the translation of discoveries into innovative health solutions by providing office, conference and laboratory space, as well as access to critical equipment and core analytical facilities. The BCC and BioHouston are planning to partner together in Fall 2010 to provide combined incubation services.
Borger Economic Development Corporation Business Facilitation

Location: Borger  
Founded: 2004  
Website: www.borgered.com  
Specialization: Service Sector

Services & Facilities:
- Shared lab and furnished office space
- Specialized business counseling and guidance
- Small Business Development Center (SBDC) housed in same building

Additional Information: Borger Economic Development Corporation Business Facilitation works to help develop the skills and knowledge base of small businesses owners on a variety of topics including the day-to-day running of a business, billing for services, keeping the books and paying the bills, marketing, and sales. Staff members of the Borger Economic Development Corporation Business Facilitation team can assist in the creation of business plans and the formulation of project goals.

Capital Factory, LP

Location: Austin  
Founded: 2009  
Website: www.capitalfactory.com  
Specialization: Internet and Technology

Services & Facilities:
- 10-week summer program
- 20 successful entrepreneurial mentors
- $20,000 in cash grants per team
- Free office space, software, and branding, hosting, legal paperwork, marketing, and recruiting support
- Demo Day where companies pitch their business to VCs, investors, and press

Additional Information: Out of hundreds of applicants, Capital Factory chooses companies that mentors can have the biggest impact on—typically technology-based companies. At Capital Factory, 20 mentors spend time with companies, one-on-one and in weekly group sessions, helping them focus on priorities, developing their business model, and making key introductions. According to Capital Factory, successes include a 2009 Capital Factory summer program team raising $2 million in Series B funding and a 2010 summer program team successfully starting its first round of funding.
Center for Innovation at Arlington, LLC

Location: Arlington  
Founded: 2002  
Website: www.thecenterforinnovation.org  
Specialization: Technology (agriculture, energy, high-tech, and life science clusters)

Services & Facilities:
■ 32,000 sq. ft. building offering office space for startup companies and business assistance agencies  
■ Lab usage through The University of Texas at Arlington Sponsored Research Agreements and Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA) with federal labs

Additional Information: The Center for Innovation at Arlington, LLC 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.

Concho Valley Center for Entrepreneurial Development (CVCED-The Business Incubator)

Location: San Angelo  
Founded: 2002  
Website: www.cvced.org  
Specialization: Service Sector

Services & Facilities:
■ 20 leasable offices, plus cubicle space  
■ Flexible leases at reduced rent that increases each year until graduation  
■ Access to shared conference/training room, break rooms, and reception area  
■ Shared Internet access, computer network access, shared technology equipment

Additional Information: The Concho Valley Center for Entrepreneurial Development (CVCED) is the only business incubator in the Concho Valley Region. The incubator offers a plug-and-play environment for new and/or expanding businesses which includes just-in-time management and technical assistance. CVCED has served 12 in-house clients and 11 “virtual” clients who have created 307 jobs and generated $7.5 million in payroll, according to the organization. These clients have generated $14.4 million in sales revenues for the Concho Valley.
**Direcshore**

**Location:** Plano  
**Founded:** 2010  
**Website:** www.directshore.com  
**Specialization:** Technology (mobile applications)

**Services & Facilities:**
- Office space
- Mentorship
- Access to capital

**Additional Information:** Direcshore, a for-profit accelerator that works primarily with mobile application developers, provides office space, capital, and mentoring to about 10 startup technology companies in return for a stake in the businesses. The partners have set aside $200,000 for initial investments and have as much as 45,000 sq. ft of space across three buildings. Direcshore specifically works with entrepreneurs who have already done some work on an original product providing the contacts and guidance these entrepreneurs need to bring their product to market.

**Dumas Economic Development Corporation**

**Location:** Dumas  
**Founded:** 2003  
**Website:** www.dumasedc.org  
**Specialization:** Multiple Sectors

**Services & Facilities:**
- Four units with 20 in. ceilings ranging from 900 sq. ft. to 1,500 sq. ft.
- No lease programs available
- Business facilitation, business grants and loans, and business training scholarships

**Additional Information:** The Dumas Enterprise Center is currently expanding to include a second facility that will include six units and a total area of 16,000 sq. ft. Units for both facilities are available to selected firms at no or reduced leases, dependent upon the impact each business provides. According to the Dumas Economic Development Corporation, to date, the Dumas Enterprise Center has created over 20 new jobs and $15 million in economic activity for Dumas.
**Economic Growth Business Incubator (EGBI)**

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** 2003  
**Website:** www.egbi.org  
**Specialization:** Service Sector

**Services & Facilities:**
- 18-week education course (business & technology tracks)  
- Free office space after graduation  
- Bilingual support

**Additional Information:** The Economic Growth Business Incubator (EGBI) provides a comprehensive “one-stop shop” approach to entrepreneurial incubation all at zero cost: all-inclusive training, pre-launch education, post-launch support, Spanish-language support, and free office space. EGBI says that, in less than a decade, it has graduated 46 students who have established 44 businesses.

**Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Incubator Program**

**Location:** Dallas  
**Founded:** 1994  
**Website:** www.gdhcc.com  
**Specialization:** Service Sector (business owners must be residents of the City of Dallas and qualify under low- to moderate-income guidelines based on HUD regulations)

**Services & Facilities:**
- Office space, basic phone, shared copy and fax machine, shared conference room, and technical assistance from Business Assistance Center counselors  
- One-on-one technical assistance (business counseling)  
- Training and education in the form of business seminars and workshops  
- Membership to the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and marketing and promotion through Chamber communications

**Additional Information:** The Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce’s (GDHCC) Incubator Program operates three Business Assistance Centers for the City of Dallas – Maple Business Assistance Center, Oak Cliff Business Assistance Center, and West Dallas Business Assistance Center. The objective of the program is to promote entrepreneurship by providing neighborhood businesses services and opportunities for business ownership, economic development, and job growth. The program is targeted towards businesses that are less than two years old and residents of the City of Dallas.
Houston Arts Alliance MODE Arts Incubator Program

Location: Houston  
Founded: 1993  
Website: www.houstonartsalliance.com  
Specialization: Arts

Services & Facilities:
- Incubator residency includes a private office and access to shared business equipment
- Management services include assistance with annual organizational capacity plans, organizational self-assessments, and financial profile assessments
- Monthly meetings focus on topics such as clarity of mission, effective leadership, financial viability, goal setting, and sensitivity to constituencies and markets
- Capacity funding available through the Houston Arts Alliance

Additional Information: The Houston Arts Alliance Management Assistance and Organizational Development Enterprise (MODE) Arts Incubator Program provides incubator residency, management services, and capacity funding to new and emerging arts organizations. Through its public/private partnership with the City of Houston, the MODE Arts Incubator Program supports a variety of arts and cultural organizations. The program is supported principally by the City of Houston with additional funding from Harris County, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and private donations.

Houston Technology Center (HTC)

Location: Houston  
Founded: 1997  
Website: www.houstontech.org  
Specialization: Technology (energy, IT, life sciences, nanotechnology, and NASA/aerospace)

Services & Facilities:
- 50,000 sq. ft. facility located in the heart of midtown Houston
- Exposure to capital
- Extensive network of sector-specific mentors who guide clients towards commercialization

Additional Information: Houston Technology Center (HTC), the largest technology business incubator in Texas, accelerates 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, 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. In eight years of operation, HTC says it has provided feedback to well over 1,000 companies and coached more than 200 companies, helping them raise $750 million in capital and creating thousands of jobs.
## Idea Finishing School, Inc.

**Location:** San Antonio  
**Founded:** 2009  
**Website:** www.ideafinishingschool.com  
**Specialization:** Technology

**Services & Facilities:**  
- Office space and internet service  
- Assistance including 3-6 month development programs, business plans, marketing plans, pro-forma, and investor presentations  
- Accounting, legal, and fund raising assistance  
- Access to 16 in-house accredited investors

**Additional Information:** The Idea Finishing School, Inc. (IFS), located in the San Antonio Technology Center, is a Texas corporation made up of a combination of collaborators and investors. IFS is a partnership with a team of 16 accredited investors who also act on the School’s Advisory Board. IFS and its Advisory Board provide assistance to early-stage technology, high-potential entrepreneurs.

## InCube Laboratories, LLC

**Location:** San Antonio  
**Founded:** 2010  
**Website:** www.incubelabs.com  
**Specialization:** Life Science, Medical Devices, and Drug-Device Combinations

**Services & Facilities:**  
- 20,000 sq. ft. facility includes wet labs, machine shop, and two Class 100 clean rooms providing the necessary equipment and facilities for developing life science companies  
- 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 Ventures, InCube Labs’ venture fund, invests in medical device companies as well as companies at the convergence of pharma, biologics and technology. InCube Ventures has a diversified portfolio of early, mid and late-stage life sciences companies

**Additional Information:** Based in Silicon Valley and San Antonio, InCube Laboratories, LLC is a life sciences research lab focused on developing medical breakthroughs that improve patient outcomes. InCube Labs’ San Antonio Innovation Center is a life sciences research lab focused on trauma, central nervous system diseases, cancer and diabetes. InCube Labs has collaborations with universities around the country working with researchers and scientists on promising innovations. InCube also works closely with entrepreneurs to help them bring their innovations to market.
International Innovation Center (IIC)

Location: Brownsville
Founded: 2003
Website: www.utb.edu/iic
Specialization: Multiple Sectors (80% of companies are involved in international trade or focused on technology)

Services & Facilities:
■ Affordable office services
■ Counseling and guidance
■ Expertise in U.S.-Mexico trade
■ Access to The Brownsville Economic Development Counsel, The Consulate of Mexico in Brownsville, and UTB/TSC students, faculty, and staff, other incubator tenants, and other local resources. Additionally, through the IIC, tenants have access to the offices of the Export Import Bank of the U.S., U.S. Export Assistance Center, and the Small Business Administration.

Additional Information: The International Innovation Center (IIC) at the University of Texas Brownsville/Texas Southmost College (UTB/TSC) offers a starting or growing business the environment and support necessary to increase their chances of success. The IIC has helped launch over 65 companies, with a success rate of 75%, and an estimated creation of 615 jobs. One of those companies is Photon8, Inc. which is in the businesses of producing biofuels from algae. The company credits its participation in the IIC with being able to successfully gain funding from the Brownsville Economic Development Council and other sources.

McAllen Creative Incubator (McA2)

Location: McAllen
Founded: 2004
Website: www.mcallenart.com
Specialization: Arts

Services & Facilities:
■ Use of theater and classroom space for demonstrations and workshops
■ 24/7 access
■ Access to resources provided by the McAllen Chamber of Commerce

Additional Information: With help from the city, the McAllen Chamber of Commerce has created 12 low cost artist studio and office spaces for expanding artists and art organizations. The McAllen Creative Incubator (McA2) houses artists and art organizations of different art disciplines. Business management courses including business basics for entrepreneurs, financial reporting, marketing, and legal issue are part of the services provided at McA2.
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#### Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business Incubator

**Location:** Midland  
**Founded:** 2002  
**Website:** [www.midlandhcc.com](http://www.midlandhcc.com)  
**Specialization:** Service Sector

**Services & Facilities:**
- Office space equipped with furniture, internet, 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 Business Incubator is the only one of its kind in the Permian Basin. In 2004, the Incubator received a $20,000 technology grant from AT&T and USHCC. Since 2002, the Incubator has had a total of 26 entrepreneurs go through their incubation program, according to the Chamber.

#### North Texas Enterprise for Technology (NTEC)

**Location:** Frisco  
**Founded:** 2003  
**Website:** [www.notec-inc.org](http://www.notec-inc.org)  
**Specialization:** Medtech and Cleantech

**Services & Facilities:**
- Recently constructed 50,000 sq. ft. high-tech development center
- 10,000 sq. ft of fully equipped lab and prototyping space capable up to BSL-2, plus 100 sq. ft. of portable Class 100 clean room space
- Fully furnished offices and cubes with VoIP phone system and high speed wired/wireless internet
- Formal performance-based company mentoring program tied to milestones
- Extensive education programs and resource rich support network

**Additional Information:** Since its founding, the North Texas Enterprise for Technology (NTEC) has supported several dozen early-stage technology based businesses over the years and is currently home to 19 companies. The organization reports that, over the last eight years, companies calling NTEC home have created over 150 full-time jobs and nearly three times as many part-time jobs. NTEC companies have attracted outside investment of over $40 million and have revenues approaching $10 million. Each year NTEC hosts the premier venture capital conference in the region, MedVentures, which annually attracts 400+ attendees, dozens of high-quality speakers, and nearly 80 exhibitors.
Pipeline at BioCenter

Location: Dallas  
Founded: 2010  
Website: www.pipelineatbiocenter.com  
Specialization: Biomedical

Services & Facilities:
- Private labs with access to common laboratory equipment
- Access to UT Southwestern’s scientific core laboratories
- Facility support includes environmental health and safety, housekeeping, mail services, and security
- Wi-Fi, high-speed internet, and telephone service with no long-distance charges for calls within the U.S. and Canada

Additional Information: Pipeline at BioCenter is a biomedical business incubator providing full-service facilities for startup companies to accelerate business growth. Pipeline is located within the first of what will eventually be a commercial campus of four BioCenter buildings. This campus is centrally set within the Southwestern Medical District, a 387-acre, world-class research and clinical complex in Dallas, Texas. Pipeline offers administrative support, a pro-business environment, extensive academic and laboratory resources, and leadership experienced in competitive market analysis, industry research, and strategic funding searches.

Red River Regional Business Incubator (R3bi)

Location: Paris  
Founded: 2010  
Website: www.r3bi.org  
Specialization: Multiple Sectors (light manufacturing and agribusiness focus)

Services & Facilities:
- 10,000 sq. ft. including 2,000 sq. ft. of flexible space for light manufacturing and assembly set-up
- Facility offers office and production space with standard infrastructure and administrative support
- Classroom and one-on-one mentoring, counseling, and consulting sessions

Additional Information: The Red River Regional Business Incubator (R3bi) is comprised of an active Board of Directors representing the industrial, financial, legal, educational, and business sectors of the region’s economy. According to the organization, within the next three years, R3bi expects 12 resident tenants with 35 admissions and 12 graduates generating 150 jobs and $15 million into the Lamar County economy. R3bi is a member of the National Business Incubator Association (NBIA).
Research Valley Innovation Center (RVIC)

**Location:** Bryan/College Station  
**Founded:** 2007  
**Website:** www.rvic.org  
**Specialization:** Energy; Life Science (agriculture, human, and veterinary); National Security; Technology (engineering, information, and nano)

**Services & Facilities:**
- Pre-incubation guidance, business advisory and coaching services, and team development services
- Investment networking and support (including Aggie Angel Network, Texas Emerging Technology Fund/CPRIT, SBIR/STTR, and other venture funding sources)
- Real estate services including three leasable facilities (*Fibertown*, a technology campus with tier IV-designed data center and disaster recovery office space; *Texas A&M Institute for Preclinical Studies*, a large animal GLP setting with business incubation wet/dry labs space; *Research Valley International Gateway*, a “soft landings” executive suite within the Texas A&M University Research Park)

**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 maintains strong relations with the Texas A&M enterprise to network entrepreneurs and help 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 and Pacific Asia with other world region alliances currently under development.

Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship

**Location:** Houston  
** Founded:** 2000  
**Website:** www.alliance.rice.edu  
**Specialization:** Technology

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

**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. The Rice Alliance states that, since its inception, it has assisted in the launch of more than 250 startups which have raised more than half a billion dollars in early-stage capital.
Silsbee Economic Development Corporation Incubator

**Location:** Silsbee  
**Founded:** 2007  
**Website:** www.silsbeeedc.com  
**Specialization:** Service Sector

**Services & Facilities:**
- Shared office space and equipment including computers and internet
- 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 Incubator is the first business incubator in Hardin County. Examples of incubator 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 Silsbee Economic Development Corporation Incubator.

STARTech Early Ventures

**Location:** Richardson  
**Founded:** 1997  
**Website:** www.startechev.com  
**Specialization:** Technology (biomedical, energy, water, environment, networking, software, semi-conductors, and telecommunications focus)

**Services & Facilities:**
- 27,000 sq. ft facility with flexible and affordable office space
- Active networking with company executives, entrepreneurs, university and private researchers, government officials, and investors including venture capitalists
- STARTech manages two mature seed funds totaling $36 million

**Additional Information:** STARTech creates or invests in seed and early-stage technology-based companies, primarily in Information Technology and communications, smart energy systems, technology enabled health care, and nanotech processes and materials. By the organization’s own account, the 50-plus companies assisted by STARTech have raised more than $1 billion and added $1.5 billion to the state and local economy. STARTech graduates include seven profitable exits and over 20 sustained businesses.
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Stephen F. Austin University (SFASU) Science Research Center

Location: Nacogdoches  
Founded: 2010  
Website: www.sfasu.edu/SRC  
Specialization: Life Science and Biomedicine

Services & Facilities:
- 15,000 sq. ft. building equipped with standard life science equipment such as centrifuges, autoclave, nanopure water, inline gas, incubators, -204°C and -804°C freezers, cryo preservation, physical plant support; 3,000 sq. ft. television/video equipped classroom; 10,000 sq. ft. office building with standard office equipment such as copier, fax, internet access, phones, and a conference room
- Administrative and grant writing support available
- Located adjacent to 67 acres of industrial property owned by the Nacogdoches Economic Development Corporation

Additional Information: The Stephen F. Austin State University (SFASU) Science Research Center is a member of the National Business Incubator Association (NBIA) and the Texas Healthcare Bioscience Institute (THBI) and operates in collaboration with the Nacogdoches Economic Development Corporation, the city and county of Nacogdoches, and the Angelina Small Business Development Center. The SFASU Science Research Center, within its 15,000 sq. ft. building, has 1,000 sq. ft. of open laboratory space, 200 sq. ft. tissue culture facility for mammalian, insect cell, and plant cell culturing, a 400 sq. ft. walk-in cold room (4°C), a RNA station, three array spotters, core microarray and laser imaging capabilities, and one loading dock to the laboratory building. Both graduate and undergraduate students are available for research assistance in the areas of biotechnology, biology, chemistry, physics, geology, mathematics, computer science, nursing, business, and other areas of interest.

SXSW Accelerator

Location: Austin  
Founded: 2009  
Website: http://sxsw.com/interactive/accelerator  
Specialization: Internet and Mobile Technology

Services & Facilities:
- Industry connections
- Annual showcase designed to connect companies with web-based innovations to industry experts, early adapters, and representatives from the Venture Capitalist community

Additional Information: The SXSW Accelerator highlights the technology market’s most impressive new innovations of the year. The showcase provides an outlet for companies to present their new online entertainment products, the latest ideas in social networking applications, news related technologies, music related technologies, health technologies, and innovative web-based technology services to industry experts and representatives from the venture capitalist community.
Tech Ranch Austin

Location: Austin
Founded: 2005
Website: www.techranchaustin.com
Specialization: Technology

Services & Facilities:
- 5,500 sq. ft. of office space and common areas
- An eight-week boot camp, Venture Forth, designed to take companies from an idea to revenue
- Mentorship from successful entrepreneurs
- The Pioneer Program, an accountability group for startup 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, co-working environment that supports an entrepreneurial ecosystem. According to Tech Ranch Austin, more than 200 companies have been impacted by the organization’s services, including: ClikServ, CubitPlanning, Piryx, Strictly Talent, TuffWerx, and Vitasio.
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**Tech Wildcatters**

**Location:** Dallas  
**Founded:** 2009  
**Website:** www.TechWildcatters.com  
**Specialization:** Technology (gaming, software, and web)

**Services & Facilities:**
- Access to more than 30 mentors that, combined, have worked for or with over 100 Fortune 500 companies  
- 3 month summer program  
- $20,000-25,000 in cash grants  
- Pitch Day where companies are given an exclusive opportunity to pitch their business to investors

**Additional Information:** Located in Dallas, Texas, Tech Wildcatters is a mentor driven technology start-up accelerator led by entrepreneurs that primarily work with gaming, software, and web companies that expect to gain a majority of their revenue from businesses. As part of its three month summer acceleration program, Tech Wildcatters prepares summer program teams to market products and services to major corporations. Tech Wildcatters states that all five companies that completed their inaugural three month summer program are going on to raise additional funding rounds.

**Technology Business Accelerator (TechBA) Austin**

**Location:** Austin  
**Founded:** 2005  
**Website:** www.techba.com/austin  
**Specialization:** Technology (companies from Mexico)

**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: 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  
- Via a partnership with the University of Texas’ IC2 Institute-Global Commercialization Group, TechBA provides a team of seasoned American business people to mentor and coach Mexican entrepreneurs  
- 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 an international business accelerator program run by the Mexican Ministry of Economy. TechBA Austin claims to have successfully taken innovative technologies to the market, supporting more than 150 entrepreneur teams and helping them raise more than $725 million in venture capital. At any given moment TechBA Austin houses 15 resident companies plus 20 remote companies.
**Technology Incubator West Houston (TIWH)**

**Location:** Houston  
**Founded:** 2010  
**Website:** www.tiwh.org  
**Specialization:** Technology (advanced manufacturing, advanced materials, energy, health care/life science, and information technology)

**Services & Facilities:**
- Virtual incubator
- Mentoring and access to a network of investors, industry experts, and community resources
- Entrepreneurial training and education
- Venture capital fund (to be established)

**Additional Information:** Technology Incubator West Houston (TIWH) is a technology-focused, non-profit business incubator serving Greater West Houston/the Energy Corridor. Through their partnerships with institutions such as the Houston Technology Center, Rice University, and the Rice Alliance, TIWH is a major supporter of local venture forums and entrepreneurial programs. Through their affiliation with the Kauffman Foundation and its FastTrac Entrepreneurship Program, the TIWH is able to provide world-class business education programs and workshops. TIWH provides assistance and mentoring with business plan development, promotional assistance, business networking, technical support, accounting and finance, and talent management. By the end of 2010, TIWH plans to launch an angel fund targeting technology startups located or willing to locate in the region.

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**Temple Business Incubator**

**Location:** Temple  
**Founded:** 2005  
**Website:** www.templebusinessincubator.org  
**Specialization:** Multiple Sectors

**Services & Facilities:**
- Office space located in a historical building in downtown Temple
- Classes offered on-site and next door through Temple College Business & Community Education
- Satellite office of the Small Business Development Center located on-site
- Although primarily for small, startup businesses, large companies moving to Temple sometimes use the facility for their temporary headquarters

**Additional Information:** Although relatively small (12 available offices), the Temple Business Incubator maintains a diverse mix of resident businesses, including tech and bioscience-based businesses. By the organization’s own account, in less than five years graduate companies are thriving in the community. Currently, the Incubator is home to a company working towards commercializing a test for tuberculosis. The Temple Business Incubator is sponsored by the City of Temple, The Temple Economic Development Corporation, Temple College, Temple Chamber of Commerce, and the Temple College Foundation.
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### Temple Health & Bioscience Economic Development District

| **Location:** Temple  |
| **Founded:** 2004  |
| **Website:** [www.templebioscience.com](http://www.templebioscience.com)  |
| **Specialization:** Life Science  |

**Services & Facilities:**
- Currently planning for the development of the Bioscience Accelerator with wet labs and office space
- Association with Texas Bioscience Institute for biotech job training
- Association with Texas A&M College of Medicine and Scott & White Hospital for development of an expanded, west campus complex

**Additional Information:** In February 2010 a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed setting in motion the creation of the Temple Bioscience Accelerator. Signing the MOU were officials from the Temple Health & Bioscience Economic Development District, the City of Temple, Scott & White Healthcare, Central Texas Veterans Health Care System, Temple College, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, Texas A&M University System HSC College of Medicine Temple Campus, and Texas A&M University System Texas AgriLife Research. The Temple Bioscience Accelerator will help bioscience companies to partner with area health care institutions to develop products by providing labs, offices to house companies, and leading companies to financial resources.

### Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, Coastal Bend Business Innovation Center

| **Location:** Corpus Christi  |
| **Founded:** 2009  |
| **Website:** [www.coastalbendinnovation.com](http://www.coastalbendinnovation.com)  |
| **Specialization:** Multiple Sectors (computer, education, medical, publishing, technology, and tourism clusters)  |

**Services & Facilities:**
- 36,000 sq. ft. facility on a 4.5 acre site
- State of the art facilities including offices, workshops, classrooms, and conference center
- Full-service incubator with access to university students, faculty, and research
- Advisory committee chaired by the mayor of Corpus Christi
- Resource network of various businesses throughout the Coastal Bend willing to help and discount

**Additional Information:** In its first year, the Coastal Bend Business Innovation Center reported annual salary contribution to the community of over $1 million after working with 40 companies. The Center is currently working towards becoming an Economic Development Administration University Center, which would make it the first in the state. Additionally, the Center is currently working closely with the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, U.S. Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Center, and other groups to establish an annual business plan competition within the Coastal Bend area.
Texas Life-Science Collaboration Center (TLCC)

Location: Georgetown
Founded: 2007
Website: www.texaslifesciences.com
Specialization: Life Science, Biotechnology, and Nanotechnology

Services & Facilities:
- New 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
- TLCC is a Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) member organization providing access to THBI and BIO industry association services and support

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.

Texas State Science, Technology, and Advanced Research (STAR)

Location: San Marcos
Founded: 2010
Website: www.txstate.edu/ocir
Specialization: Technology (alternative energy, biotechnology, green technology, nanotechnology, new materials research)

Services & Facilities:
- Clean room facilities
- Wet labs
- Instrumentation lab
- Office space

Additional Information: The Texas State University-San Marcos Science, Technology, and Advanced Research (STAR) project is a collaboration among federal and local government, higher education, economic development organizations, and the private sector. STAR is particularly focused on the development of spin-offs from research conducted and intellectual property generated by university faculty, and spin-ins from companies outside the state that want to strategically work with the university. Located along the Interstate 35 corridor between Austin’s high-tech industry and San Antonio’s biomedical industry, STAR is focused on convergent technologies—the merging of semiconductor nanotechnology with biotechnology. STAR is comprised of an interdisciplinary partnership incorporating expertise from the McCoy College of Business Administration and the Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization programs at Texas State. Construction is set to begin in 2011 and expected to be completed by 2012.
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**Services & Facilities:**
- 4,000 sq. ft. facility that includes both wet and dry lab space, a conference room, offices, and cubicles
- Access to strategic business planning and venture development assistance
- Access to business services such as marketing research, business accounting, legal, and personnel recruitment

**Additional Information:** The Texas Technology Development Center (T3DC) manages the McDermott Pre-Seed Fund providing up to $100,000 in startup capital. T3DC seeks out and provides startup support to new bioscience and technology ventures. The accelerator component is scheduled to open for tenants in the first quarter of 2011.

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**Services & Facilities:**
- 26,000 sq. ft. of office space
- Warehouse, storage cages, two loading docks, and one ramp
- Equipped common facilities
- Small Business Development Center and SCORE housed in same building

**Additional Information:** The Tyler Area Business Incubator is a member of the National Business Incubation Association (NBIA), and its director is a former NBIA board member. Located at the Tyler Junior College’s West Campus, currently, the incubator houses 16 client businesses. Two of the incubator’s graduated clients have received the “Outstanding Graduate” award, a world wide competition in the incubation industry. Self-sustained since 1999, the Tyler Area Business Incubator considers itself a model program, receiving out of town visitors coming to study the Tyler approach when planning their own incubator programs.
University of North Texas (UNT) Discovery Park Incubator

Location: Denton  
Founded: 2009  
Website: http://discoverypark.unt.edu/incubator  
Specialization: Multiple Sectors (advanced materials, alternative energy, bio-products and solutions, IT, medical devices, and nano-devices and systems)

Services & Facilities:
- 5,200 sq. ft. incubator with private and semi-private office facilities and shared common areas
- Furnished offices, high-speed Internet access (through UNT intranet network system), network copiers, fax machine, printer and postage
- Access to advanced science and technology research laboratories and UNT’s Murphy Center for Entrepreneurship, Center for Economic Development and Research, and Communications Design Group
- Support resources and services include business plan development, strategic planning, research and development, product development, and international business assistance, a mentorship network program, and financing and funding resources

Additional Information: The University of North Texas (UNT) Business Incubator is designed to accelerate the successful development of entrepreneurial companies that are seeking to commercialize technologies or work in partnership with UNT to turn scientific innovations into businesses. The business incubator offers an array of business support resources and services. Active UNT Business Incubator companies include: MedAutomate, Solar Logic, Inc., and Paygo.

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Center for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship: New Venture Incubator

Location: San Antonio  
Founded: 2010  
Website: http://business.utsa.edu/cite  
Specialization: Multiple Sectors (biomed focus)

Services & Facilities:
- Industry Partnership Program with UTSA researchers, core facilities, specialized equipment and wet labs
- Access to UTSA IP, joint commercialization efforts
- Strategic business plans from Management of Technology and MBA students
- Startech Angel Network and South Texas Regional Center of Innovation and Commercialization – Texas Emerging Technology Fund (ETF) located on campus

Additional Information: The University of Texas at San Antonio’s (UTSA) Center for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship: New Venture Incubator (NVI) is the catalyst for early stage companies that have research or IP licensing relationships with the university. Successful ventures graduate from the NVI into the broader technology-based regional business ecosystem.
The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Center for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship: Roadrunner Incubator

Location: San Antonio  
Founded: 2007  
Website: http://business.utsa.edu/cite/cite  
Specialization: Multiple Sectors

Services & Facilities:
- Industry Partnership Program with UTSA researchers, core facilities, specialized equipment and labs
- Access to UTSA IP, joint commercialization efforts
- Strategic business plans from Management of Technology and MBA students
- Startech Angel Network and South Texas Regional Center of Innovation and Commercialization – Texas Emerging Technology Fund (ETF) located on campus

Additional Information: The University of Texas at San Antonio’s (UTSA) Center for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship: Roadrunner Incubator provides a gathering point for young technology entrepreneurs in the making at UTSA. Coupled with the undergraduate and graduate technology and entrepreneurship programs, the Roadrunner Incubator is the focal point for new student company launches.

West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) Enterprise Center

Location: Amarillo  
Founded: 2001  
Website: www.IncubationWorks.com  
Specialization: Multiple Sectors

Services & Facilities:
- 31,000 sq. ft. mixed-use business incubator facility comprised of a variety of production spaces including space with easy-access, dock-high delivery, warehouse space, and wet-production and manufacturing space
- Reduced-cost office and production space. Initial lease rates are offered at approximately 75% of market rate
- Hands-on coaching from experienced staff
- Serve a variety of clients including wholesale distribution, manufacturing, construction, and technology

Additional Information: The West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) Enterprise Center cultivates emerging businesses and entrepreneurs to help them accelerate their growth. The support and synergy found through the Enterprise Center helps entrepreneurs to overcome risk, isolation, and barriers to success. One of the most important benefits the incubator provides is direct contact with other entrepreneurs. As of December 31, 2009, WTAMU Enterprise Center companies had gross revenue in excess of $26 million and contributed more than $2.8 million in new capital, according to the center’s own reporting. Incubator companies employed 204 people equating to more than $7.38 million in annual payroll. In addition to the many existing service options available to startup and early stage entrepreneurs, in 2011 the WTAMU Enterprise Center will expand to include a commercial kitchen space and a co-working area. These areas will enhance WTAMU Enterprise Center’s outreach to food manufacturers, technology startups, and other aspiring entrepreneurs.
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