



2007 Member Business Incubators



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Acadia Business Incubator, Crowley
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Dixie Business Center, Denham Springs
Louisiana Edible Creations Center, Gonzales
SLU Southeast Louisiana Business Center, Hammond

BAYOU AREA (3)

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JEDCO Enterprise Center West, Marrero
Arts Business Program, Arts Council of New Orleans, New Orleans
Bayou Road Community Business Incubator (NewCorp, Inc.), New Orleans
New Orleans Bioinnovation Center, Inc., New Orleans
UNO Center for Innovation Research and Technology Park, New Orleans



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**A Business Development Network that Helps Louisiana Diversify
Its Economy by Growing and Strengthening Our Own Businesses**

The Louisiana Business Incubation Association (LBIA) is a state association of business incubators and their supporters. LBIA was established to promote alliances among incubators, governmental agencies, and professional economic developers in order to promote the growth and diversification of our state's businesses and economy.

The Business Incubators that are members of LBIA provide a comprehensive program of business services and guidance targeted to the needs of start-up and fledgling companies to speed them to market and increase their chances for success. Since the first Louisiana Business Incubator opened in the late 1980s, business incubation has served more than 5,000 businesses and created 12,000 jobs. More than 500 firms have graduated from Louisiana Business Incubators and successfully moved into the state's business mainstream, creating jobs throughout Louisiana.

LBIA Objectives

- #Provide a central point for information, communications, and the exchange of ideas for incubator managers/staff and associate members.
- #Provide the basis for mutually supportive business incubation for its members.
- #Provide a vehicle for establishing linkages with other community and economic development organizations
- #Improve the business climate for the incubator industry and client firms and remove the barriers to incubator and business growth.
- #Provide the hands-on management that helps accelerate the development and growth of new business, thereby creating new and better jobs for Louisiana and its citizens.
- #Work to build a business environment that supports new companies, thus helping to make local economies more robust.



BUSINESS INCUBATION FACTS

from the National Business Incubation Association (NBIA)

www.nbia.org

Incubator graduates create jobs, revitalize neighborhoods and commercialize new technologies, thus strengthening local, regional and even national economies.

- The National Business Incubation Association (NBIA) estimates that North American incubator client and graduate companies have created about half a million jobs since 1980. That is enough jobs to employ every person living in Denver, Colo.
- Every 50 jobs created by an incubator client generate approximately 25 more jobs in the same community.
 - In 2001 alone, North American incubators assisted more than 35,000 start-up companies that provided full-time employment for nearly 82,000 workers and generated annual revenue of more than \$7 billion.
 - Business incubators reduce the risk of small business failures. Historically, NBIA member incubators have reported that 87 percent of all firms that have graduated from their incubators are still in business.
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- Every 50 jobs created by an incubator client generate approximately 25 more jobs in the same community.
- Today there are more than 1,400 business incubators in North America, of which 1,115 are located in the United States.
- Research has shown that for every \$1 of estimated public operating subsidy provided the incubator, clients and graduates of NBIA member incubators generate approximately \$30 in local tax revenue alone.
 - NBIA members have reported that 84 percent of incubator graduates stay in their communities and continue to provide a return to their investors.
 - Publicly supported incubators create jobs at a cost of about \$1,100 each, whereas other publicly supported job creation mechanisms cost more than \$10,000 per job created.

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Primary Client Type

Mixed Use

Year Opened

2002

Gross Square Footage

53,000 sq. ft.

Area Served by Incubator

Rural

Primary Sponsors

Municipalities and Parish
Government of Acadia
Parish

The Enterprise Center of Acadia (ECoA) Business Incubator's mission is to promote and assist entrepreneurs and small emerging businesses. Our commitment will be accomplished through partnerships with local and regional academic communities, government agencies, and industry business professionals. The mission is to create an environment of strength and prosperity for our region.

The Enterprise Center of Acadia houses a small business incubator located in Crowley, Louisiana. ECoA Business Incubator is a joint venture between the municipalities and parish government in Acadia Parish, area chambers of commerce and Acadia Economic Development Corporation. Special thanks go to the City of Crowley for its generosity and support with the purchase and renovation of the 53,000 square foot facility, formerly the Cajun Bag building.

As well as a business incubator, the facility houses the Crowley Chamber of Commerce, Acadia Economic Development Corporation, ASSIST Agency, and the One Stop Career Center. These agencies

deliver essential services from a central located facility.

ECoA's Business Incubator operations are directed by staff members of the Acadia Economic Development Corporation. While providing economic inducement guidance and grant application assistance to Acadia Parish and all cities within the parish, the agency also provides training and guidance to start-up businesses.

Specialized Services:

- Business assistance
- Technical assistance
- Client consultation
- Training programs
- Basic business support

Features Include:

- Below market leasing rates
- Office suites built to suit client needs
- Loading dock and freight elevator
- Shared office equipment including photocopy and fax equipment
- In house business center
- Support services including clerical and telephone answering services
- Computer lines and networking capabilities
- Conference rooms with teleconferencing

ARTS BUSINESS PROGRAM

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Gene Meneray, Director

Primary Client Type

Special Focus: Arts

Year Opened

1992

Area Served

Metropolitan New Orleans

Primary Sponsor

Arts Council of New Orleans
(program of)

Corporate Status

501c3

The Arts Council's Arts Business Program is a centralized source of easy, practical business assistance for area artists, arts organizations, and arts businesses. Started in 1991, the Arts Business Program is a place where individuals and organizations can learn, grow their businesses, and exchange ideas and creative energy. In 1999, the Arts Business Program was recognized as a national model when the National Business Incubation Association named it "Business Incubator of the Year."

Services offered:

Workshops on subjects such as marketing, audience development, fundraising, legal issues, technology, and more.

Entrepreneurial Training through our Artist as Entrepreneur Program, an intensive 30 hour, multi week session dedicated to assisting area visual artists with their career development

Consultations: Arts Business Program staff works to review your arts business plan, and assists you with resources, planning, and networking.

Louisiana Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, providing free legal assistance to low to moderate income Louisiana artists, LVLA is also a partner in the ELLA Project and works as a matching service to match our clients with pro-bono lawyers.

Group Health Insurance, taking advantage of large group rates, health insurance is available to full time staff of local businesses and organizations who are Organizational members.

Arts Market: Administers the monthly Arts Market of New Orleans at Palmer Park, a free market featuring local artisans, performing arts, and kids' activities.

Who is eligible for services from the Arts Business Program?

Anyone associated with the arts of New Orleans, be it visual, performing, music, film, literary, for-profit or non-profit. Staff is available by appointment to offer consultations and advice to artists seeking to develop their careers. Workshops are open to the public, (though members receive a reduced rate). Louisiana Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts services are open to Arts Council or Tipitina's Music Co-Op members. Services such as Group Health Insurance, and Credit Union are available only to members.

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Primary Client Type
Mixed Use

Year Opened
2006

Area Served by Incubator
Baton Rouge Area

Primary Sponsor
Baton Rouge
Community College

Baton Rouge Community College's Small Business Training Center offers a Small Business Incubator program to local entrepreneurs and businesses.

The Incubator provides office space and resources to owners of new and emerging small businesses for an extremely competitive cost, with the goal of fostering the development and expansion of local-area commerce.

The program offers professional office facilities for entrepreneurs to provide their customers and employees. Participating businesses can eliminate the concern of acquiring and maintaining facility services, and instead focus on successful growth.

In addition to office space, the small business incubator provides a variety of services to its family of tenants, including

- Quality Office Space
- Access to Conference Room
- Mail Services
- Facsimile Availability
- Common Kitchen Area
- Telecommunication Services
- Basic Utilities
- Convenient Parking
- Janitorial Services
- Internet Access

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Primary Client Type
Women and Minority Owned
Businesses

Year Opened
Late 2007

Area Served by Incubator
New Orleans Area

Primary Sponsor
NewCorp., Inc.

Technology is an underutilized asset in many minority businesses in the City of New Orleans. This fact coupled with the impact and devastation incurred by Hurricane Katrina puts our businesses at an extreme disadvantage in the opportunity to partake in the quantum leap growth opportunity rebuilding New Orleans provides. With the Mayor introducing a mandate for 50% of all contracts to go to minority businesses, basic technological needs, such as business development and sales tracking systems, online accounting systems and computer networking are the high priority needs as our businesses begin returning to the region.

NewCorp's Bayou Road Community Business Assistance Center, expected to be completed in late 2007, has been designed to provide an outsourcing option for the small businesses community, and, in particular, the contracting industry. Through the Bayou Road Community Business Assistance Center, NewCorp will provide access to computers, the internet, and specialized software products for

industry specific businesses, but will also offer its technical assistance and loan products to the small businesses community in general.

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Primary Client Type

Mixed Use

Year Opened

2006

Area Served by Incubator

BPCC Students

Primary Sponsor

Bossier Parish
Community College

What Is The Student Business Incubator (SBI)?

The Incubator is the “hatchery” - a supportive environment where students’ new entrepreneurial start-up businesses are nurtured. For a nominal fee of \$50/month, students receive use of fully-equipped office space and office equipment, on-going training & coaching, technical assistance, use of meeting rooms and professional help in launching their own business.

What Do Students Learn at the Incubator?

Students attend one entrepreneurship workshop a month and learn the value and steps of developing an effective business plan, including: marketing & feasibility analyses; records management and cash-flow management; how to safe-guard intellectual property and much more! Taught by experienced professionals, successful entrepreneurs and BPCC faculty, attendees learn skills that take the guess-work out of starting and growing a business. Because the

monthly Entrepreneurship Workshops are open to the public, owners of small and emerging businesses as well as more established enterprises will also benefit from this program. Workshops begin in August annually and are offered on Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Give your business that competitive edge and sign up for the Entrepreneurship Workshops TODAY! To register for workshops, call Community Education at (318) 678-6015.

Who Can Apply to Become a Tenant in the Incubator?

Any student enrolled in a diploma or degree-seeking program within the Shreveport/Bossier or Northwest LA region may be considered for the BPCC Student Business Incubator.* Students must provide a preliminary business plan along with a BPCC-SBI Application to begin the process.

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Science Research and
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Year Opened

2005

Gross Square Footage

60,000 sq. ft.

Area Served by Incubator

State of Louisiana

Primary Sponsor

State of Louisiana

BioSpace1 is a multi-tenant life science business center.

The first floor of the two story facility is reserved for more established life science tenants and contains build-to-suit space.

The second floor is a business incubator for start-up companies with 16 wet-lab and office suites (approx. 1,000 sq. ft. each) and 18 additional offices. Tenants share a Core Lab and four conference rooms.

All BioSpace1 tenants share common space that includes building reception, restrooms with showers, sit-down lounge for dining, vending machines, a formal and two two additional conference rooms, loading dock, secured individual hazardous waste storage, and ample free parking.

The building is supported with back-up power to maintain critical lab functions, broadband internet (hardwired & wireless), and voice over IP telephony. The building is card access only with four security cameras and after-hours uniformed security.

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The Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance

Primary Client Type
Mixed Use

Year Opened
2005

Area Served by Incubator
Southwest Louisiana

Primary Sponsor
Southwest Louisiana
Partnership for Economic
Development

The Southwest Louisiana Partnership for Economic Development and six other entities opened a small office-based business incubator in mid-2005. Participating in the incubator are The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, City of Lake Charles, IMCAL Regional Planning Commission, Chamber SWLA, SOWELA Technical Community College, and the McNeese Small Business Development Center.

The initial facilities are located in the Magnolia Building, owned by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, in downtown Lake Charles. All small business owners and entrepreneurs from Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jeff Davis Parishes are eligible to participate in the programs offered by the Incubator. Larger facilities are currently being sought to serve the needs of small businesses and entrepreneurs in Southwest Louisiana.

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Mixed Use

Year Opened

2002

Gross Square Footage

40,000 sq. ft.

Area Served by Incubator

Central Louisiana
(3 parishes)

Primary Sponsor

City of Alexandria

The Central Louisiana Business Incubator was created as an economic development tool to serve Central Louisiana's nine parish area. Located in Alexandria, Rapides Parish, the CLBI offers a professional business environment where new and emerging businesses can learn state-of-the-art business practices from the incubator management staff and the professional Management Assistance Team. After completing the incubator program, the companies will "graduate" into the local community financially stable and self-sufficient.

The Central Louisiana Business Incubator offers:

- Premier location with automated security and completely furnished and maintained offices
- Flexible and affordable rental space below market rate
- A professional reception area and receptionist to receive guests, clients, and business associates
- Access to shared office equipment, including copier and fax
- Access to professional conference facilities
- Networking opportunities with other business entrepreneurs
- Entrepreneurial development/training
- Access to a network of business professionals through the Management Assistance Team
- Business counseling via the on-site incubator staff business professionals
- Assistance in accessing financial resources

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Primary Client Type
Professional Services

Year Opened
1992

Gross Square Footage
30,000 sq. ft.

Area Served by Incubator
Regional

Primary Sponsor
Dixie Electric Membership
Corporation

The Dixie Business Center, serving Southeast Louisiana, and located in Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, offers an accessible, affordable environment to enable businesses to grow and prosper while acquiring the assets that will lead to a successful transition to the business community.

The purpose of the Center is to enable new and emerging companies to establish and enhance the marketable qualities of their businesses while securing a foothold in their industry and in the community. These businesses utilize the available resources of the Center to establish a solid foundation for their company. While existing in a protected and educational environment, small companies are able to build a foundation for continued growth and cultivate important networking and managerial skills without the difficult initial expenses that are necessary in a start-up business situation.

Perhaps even more important than the material offerings of the Center is the cooperative environment which promotes and encourages networking among tenants. Such contacts can often mean the difference between success and failure following graduation from the Center.

The expertise of the facility's resource team is a further benefit to members by providing assistance in the seemingly foreign process of securing financial backing and assistance. The help provided in establishing contacts is often the key to obtaining loans and expanding credit opportunities. The information and experience gained by going through this process is invaluable to new businesses and those with plans for expansion.

Shared facilities and equipment are an important asset that enables tenants to concentrate on the task of establishing a solid foundation that will ensure the success of their business. Such services and equipment include:

- Copier and FAX services
- Conference Room
- Computer facilities
- Janitorial services
- Receptionist
- Utilities

Without the burden of paying individually for such services and maintenance of office equipment, members of the Center can focus their energies on building their businesses and channeling profits into the success of their company, rather than expensive overhead.

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Primary Client Type

Food Technology
Production

Planned Opening

Late Fall, 2007

Square Footage

11,000

Area Served by Incubator

The River Parishes,
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Metropolitan Area
Others, as scheduling
Permits

Sponsor

River Parishes Community
Development Foundation

Edible Enterprises Food Technology Incubator is currently "under construction."

It is being created to meet the needs of the River Parishes and the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan Area for an incubator providing food technology production space. The River Parishes Community Development Foundation has provided for the planning and development process. St. Charles Parish Government has purchased the building, which will be leased to the CDC. Other Edible Enterprises Planning Partners include: GNO, Inc., LSU School of Agriculture, Goodwill Industries, Loubat, Inc., USDA, LSU Extension Service, and the Norco Community Economic Development Foundation (NCEDF). The Edible Enterprises Board is composed of community and business volunteers.

Current plans call for the Incubator to open in late Fall of 2007.

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Roy Holleman, Executive Director
Kim Behringer, Executive Assistant

Primary Client Type
Manufacturing Service
Professional Services

Year Opened
1993

Gross Square Footage
30,000 sq. ft.

Area Served by Incubator
Acadiana

Primary Sponsors
University of Louisiana at
Lafayette
SLEMCO
Rural Electric Cooperative
City of Carencro

Corporate Status
501(c)(3)

MISSION

Provision of an environment in which a new or small emerging business can learn effective business practices while actually engaging in business operations, with the end result of creating jobs and diversifying the economy in Acadiana.

MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

Management guidance is provided by the Center's management and, when necessary, other agencies in the area are utilized. Assistance to the clients in the incubator are included in the leasing arrangements. For entrepreneurs needing assistance outside the incubator, it is available, often at no charge. If the necessary assistance is very intensive, some fee may be negotiated to cover costs.

ENVIRONMENT

ECOL provides an environment conducive to professional business operations. A small business can have all of the amenities of a larger company without spending precious capital.

This includes a reception area, conference room, board rooms, Internet access thru a variety of sources including DSL, Cable, T1 by several providers, break rooms with refrigerator and microwave, forklift, vending machines, and restrooms.

FACILITIES

30,000 square feet of office and production suites in the building.

Flexible occupancy agreement package provides areas for individual companies to set up their businesses in the way that best fits their needs.

Our office spaces offer:

- 214 sq. ft. or 275 sq. ft. options
- Carpeted floors
- Well lighted offices
- Fire and intruder alarms
- \$290/\$390 per month, including utilities

Our production suites offer:

- 1400 sq. ft. or 2800 sq. ft. options
- Carpeted floors in office area
- Well lighted offices
- Fire and intruder alarms
- \$600 to \$1100 per month plus utilities

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Sean Warner, Executive Director
Edward Appel, Executive Assistant

Primary Client Type
Scientist with a new
technology
Entrepreneur launching a
start up company
Home-based business
owner ready to expand
Businesses impacted by
hurricanes

Year Opened
2007

Gross Square Footage
5000 sq. ft

Area Served by Incubator
St. Bernard Parish

Primary Sponsors
Gulf Coast Bank and Trust
(GCB&T)
Nunez Community College
Small Business
Development Center
(SBDC)

MISSION

The purpose of the St. Bernard Entrepreneurial Center (SBEC) small business incubator is to create successful businesses by providing assistance and facilities to stimulate small business formation, growth and development. The SBEC's goal is to assist in the redevelopment of St. Bernard Parish.

MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

Assistance will be provided through our partnership with Nunez Community College and the SBDC. The SBDC will also have an outreach office that will be housed within the incubator for assistance.

ENVIRONMENT

The Gulf Coast Bank and Trust St. Bernard Entrepreneurial Center provides a professional business environment. A small business can have access to conference rooms, board rooms, wireless internet, as well as fax, phone and a copy machine. The SBEC will also provide restrooms and a break room with a full service kitchen.

FACILITIES

The SBEC is located on the 2nd floor of Gulf Coast Bank and Trust's Business Center branch. This space includes 5000 square feet of cubicles and meeting rooms which allows companies to set up there businesses according to their needs for \$150 per month including utilities.

OUR OFFICE SPACES OFFER:

- 6 x 6 Cubicle
- Carpeted floors
- Fire and intruder alarms

**JEFFERSON PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
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Judy Horner, Administrator

Primary Client Type

Mixed Use

Year Opened

1989

Gross Square Footage

5,500 sq. ft.

Area Served by Incubator

Jefferson Parish

Primary Sponsor

Jefferson Parish
Government

The Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) is committed to helping businesses thrive in Jefferson Parish. JEDCO is Jefferson Parish's economic development agency and has operated a Business Incubator program since 1989. The Enterprise Center in Marrero currently operates as a service/technology small business incubator.

The Enterprise Center offers a uniquely designed environment in which new or small emerging enterprises can learn and implement effective business practices while simultaneously engaging in their core operations.

The JEDCO Enterprise Center offers:

- Well-located quality office space
- Professional administrative assistance
- Consulting services
- Networking opportunities
- Conference and meeting rooms
- Photocopying and fax services
- Building security
- Parking
- Janitorial service
- and more...

LOUISIANA BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

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Charles F. D'Agostino, Executive Director

Primary Client Type
Technology Products or
Services
Light/Heavy Manufacturing
Wholesale/Distribution/
Mail Order
Research and Development
Construction
Professional Services
Internet and dot.com

Year Opened
1988

Gross Square Footage
45,000 sq. ft.

Area Served by Incubator
Regional

Primary Sponsor
LSU College of Business
Administration

Background

The Louisiana Business & Technology Center (LBTC) is a small business incubator located on the campus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA. The LBTC began in 1988 as a joint venture between LSU, the Greater Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce and the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority. In 2006, the LBTC, an integral part of the E. J. Ourso College of Business, moved off campus to the LSU South Campus Research Park, a 150 acre park south of the LSU main campus. The LBTC was named the 2005 National Business Incubator of the Year by the National Business Incubation Association.

Mission

The LBTC strives to assist entrepreneurs and small businesses with access to the resources they need to grow and attain long-term success. The LBTC plays a crucial role in the economic development future of Louisiana by supporting Vision 2020, a program designed to enhance the economic potential of Louisiana, and by promoting the formation and growth of businesses, cultivating jobs, and commercializing technology. The LBTC operates a mobile classroom to promote entrepreneurship into rural Louisiana and to offer disaster business counseling in hurricane affected areas of Louisiana.

Units of the LBTC:

Small Business Incubator

The LBTC's small business incubator provides office space and a friendly environment for new business start-ups. The center also provides administrative assistance and overhead facilities to new companies, allowing them to concentrate on marketing and production.

LSU Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

The SBDC assists with business plans, feasibility studies, marketing strategies, and financial, operational and general management consulting. Counselors and M.B.A. graduate assistants work with entrepreneurs and small business clients to stimulate business formation, growth and development.

Louisiana Technology Transfer Office (LTTO)

The LTTO fosters business relationships between Louisiana industry and federal laboratories by enhancing the research capabilities of the labs with the potential of private commercial development. The LTTO promotes and assists with grant applications for the federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program.

LBTC Services

- Free consulting by LBTC/SBDC/LTTO staff
- Assistance in developing business plans, marketing plans and other business strategies
- Quality office space in a prestigious location with affordable leases
- A network of university, community, and business professionals
- Linkage to the National Business Incubation Association and the National Technology Transfer Center

LOUISIANA EDIBLE CREATIONS CENTER

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Edie Michel, Director of Business Development

Primary Client Type

Shared Food Kitchen

Year Opened

2006

Area Served by Incubator

State of Louisiana

Primary Sponsor

Ascension Economic
Development Corporation
Ascension Economic
Development Foundation

The Louisiana Edible Creation Center is a 5,000 square foot shared kitchen facility where food entrepreneurs can rent kitchen space hourly to produce and package food products. Tenants pay hourly fees for the use of the facility and additional rates for use of storage. The kitchen is equipped with commercial equipment such as fry masters, 3 walk in coolers and a walk in freezer, steam kettle, ice machine, grills, steamers and meat slicer.

The LECC is approved by the La. Dept. of Health and meets all the requirements for the La. Food and Drug Administration.

The Louisiana Edible Creations Center offers its tenants:

- The opportunity to utilize a state of the art, fully approved kitchen to develop a food product for commercial resale.
 - A low cost rent that allows tenants to grow their small business paying only for the time and space that they use.
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- Synergy with other food entrepreneurs who occupy the kitchen, sharing ideas and resources with each other.
 - The opportunities for existing small businesses to take on contracts that help expand their capabilities.
 - Consulting services available to tenants on various issues regarding starting a business including LSU Food Science Center and the LSU Business Incubator.
 - Utilities packaging equipment to enable them to package their finished product.
 - [A network of resources and support on how to proceed with their business plan.](#)
 - Access to a conference room and library of resource books on the subject of growing your business.

LOUISIANA EMERGING TECHNOLOGY CENTER

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Arthur R. Cooper, Executive Director

Primary Client Type

Research and development
start-up companies
in Life Sciences,
Biotechnology, Agricultural
and Environmental
Technologies

Year Opened

2005

Gross Square Footage

60,000 sq. ft.

Area Served by Incubator

State of Louisiana

Primary Sponsor

State of Louisiana

The Louisiana Emerging Technology Center, designed specifically as an incubator for companies with wet-lab needs, serves small and start-up businesses developing and commercializing university technologies. Tenants focus on the biotechnology, life sciences, agricultural and environmental industries. Beyond lab and office space (overlooking the LSU lakes), tenants receive business and technical assistance such as access to an international network of businesses, funding sources, legal resources and professional consulting, administrative staff and services, plus access to well-appointed conference rooms.

The LETC operates under the umbrella of the LSU System Research and Technology Foundation. The Foundation's goal is to link the most promising breakthroughs from Louisiana's university research with business leaders who can sell their ideas in a global marketplace. The R&T Foundation provides proactive leadership in the effort to commercialize groundbreaking technologies, create new jobs and generate economic development in the State.

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Diana M. Simek, Interim Director

Primary Client Type

Technology-based
Manufacturers
University Research
Organizations

Year Opened

2005 as a Virtual Incubator

Area Served by Incubator

State of Louisiana

Primary Sponsor

Polytech Ammunition
Company

The purpose of the Louisiana Military Business Incubator is to serve as a catalyst and virtual incubator to bring together the research capabilities of Louisiana Universities, Louisiana small businesses, and local/state economic development organizations to foster the development of technologically innovative systems and subsystems for use by agencies of the United States Departments of Defense and Homeland Security.

The LMBI was established as a result of a working relationship established between Polytech Ammunition Company of Minden and the Picatinny Arsenal Joint Services Small Arms Program (JSSAP). JSSAP has organized a consortium group named the National Small Arms Center (NSAC), which is a part of the Department of Defense's Strategy for maintaining the U.S. overmatch supremacy in close combat operations. The NSAC and its partnering organization, the National Small Arms Technology Consortium (NSATC) are focused on one prime objective – producing innovation in small arms comprising personal defense, individual, crew-served and mission-unique weapons, munitions, fire-control and ancillary devices.

To move an idea from development to production as quickly and efficiently as possible for the ultimate customer - the soldier in the field, LMBI collaborates with the following organizations:

- Louisiana-based small businesses
- Louisiana Business Incubation Association member incubators
- State of Louisiana Universities
- Manufacturing Extension Partnership of Louisiana (MEPoL)
- Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC)
- Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED)
- University Foundations
- Picatinny Arsenal, NSAC, and NSATC

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Dave N. Norris, Jr., Ph.D., Executive Director

Primary Client Type
Innovative, technology-
based, high growth
opportunity businesses

Year Opened
September 2005

Gross Square Footage
15,000 sq. ft.

Area Served by Incubator
North Louisiana

Primary Sponsor
Louisiana Tech University

Background:

The Louisiana Tech University Enterprise Center headquarters is located just north of the main campus of Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. The Enterprise Center operates two technology incubators, a technology business development center, and a technology transfer center all supported by a comprehensive array of business development services. The Enterprise Center offers:

- **Quality Incubation Facilities:** We provide flexible and low-cost working space to meet the needs of small, early stage technology businesses. We supply pooled office equipment, clerical services and facilities to provide cost savings to incubator tenants.
- **Business Development Assistance:** We assist incubator tenants and external clients in all aspects of launching and growing their technology business venture and offer resources and expertise in strategic planning for small and large enterprises.
- **Networking Opportunities:** We facilitate access to the Enterprise Center's network of business partners, investors, professional service providers, and public sector entities.
- **University Access:** We enable clients to access university facilities (e.g., lab space, lab equipment, library, conference rooms, etc.), students (graduate and undergraduate students in the form of interns, employees, and class projects), and faculty (research collaboration and business consultancy services).
- **Symbiotic Work Environment:** We generate and promote entrepreneurial synergy by offering a symbiotic environment where entrepreneurs share resources and experiences, learn from one another, exchange business contacts and establish collaborative business relationships.
- **Promote Community Entrepreneurial Culture:** We support the identification and development of entrepreneurial infrastructure and conduct advocacy and awareness for entrepreneurship and innovation throughout the I-20 corridor.

Goals:

Louisiana Tech University strives to facilitate the practical application of knowledge for public use. The University wishes to facilitate the creation of ideas and inventions that benefit society from public and private investment in funded research at Louisiana Tech through the Enterprise Center. The highest priority of the Enterprise Center is to support new technology development and to serve the community by shaping early stage businesses that can provide new opportunities for economic development.

LOUISIANA TECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS

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Ramesh Kolluru, Ph.D., Director

Primary Client Type

GRID/Supercomputing

Visualization

High speed bandwidth

Advanced enterprise

computing

Oil and gas

Medical

Emergency preparedness

Digital media

Year Opened

2006

Area Served by Incubator

Statewide

Primary Sponsors

Center for Business &
Information Technologies

(CBIT)

University of Louisiana at
Lafayette (UL Lafayette)

Background

Louisiana TIES (Technology Incubator for Entrepreneurial Success) is a small business incubator located in the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Research Park. Louisiana TIES was established in 2006 under the oversight of the UL Lafayette Center for Business & Information Technologies and the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies through a grant received from the Partnerships for Innovation program of the National Science Foundation.

Mission

Louisiana TIES consists of both a residential and virtual incubation program designed to accelerate technology entrepreneurship and stimulate new and existing innovative technology enterprises. It accomplishes this by developing and leveraging people, partnerships, policies, and programs for Louisiana's revitalization. It is our objective to provide technical assistance to start-ups, university spin-offs, and existing entrepreneurial firms across Louisiana.

Louisiana TIES Programs:

The Residential TIES Program: The objective of this program is to provide the essential support system needed to incubate start-up technology firms. This includes assistance to businesses with applied research, application development, testing, validation, and commercial production. The program also provides incubatees with expertise, training, and access to high performance computing and high performance visualization technology infrastructure. The residential

TIES program for new business development is set in a culture of innovation and technology-driven job creation.

The Virtual TIES Program: This program diversifies TIES' economic development strategy by providing technical assistance and support services to technology companies that are not physically housed within the incubator. Virtual incubatees can avail themselves of all the technical and business assistance services offered to residential incubatees. The virtual TIES program enables Louisiana technology businesses to enhance their product and service offerings by utilizing the expertise, infrastructure, and services offered by TIES. The virtual TIES program helps technology providers to innovate, stay in Louisiana, and add high-quality jobs to their communities.

Louisiana TIES Services

- Administrative services including clerical, mail, copy/printing, and fax
- Access to computing, supercomputing, and visualization software and hardware platforms
- Access to university research expertise
- Access to software application design and development expertise
- Access to high-speed, fiber-optic R&D networks
- Access to intellectual property and legal assistance
- Access to venture and angel capital
- Assistance in mentoring and networking
- Training in entrepreneurship and technology

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Eddie Ashworth, President
Stephen Loy, Director of Communications

Primary Client Type

Research and Development
Internet and e-commerce
Biotechnology
Technology Products and
Services

Year Opened

2001

Gross Square Footage

225,000 sq. ft.

Area Served by Incubator

State of Louisiana

Primary Sponsor

State of Louisiana

Mission

The Louisiana Technology Park (LTP) is a comprehensive business incubator growing young companies in the Internet, high technology, and biotech economies by providing entrepreneurs with access to technology, business, and financial resources.

Background

Research Park Corporation was organized in 1992 pursuant to an act of Legislature. It is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors, many of whom are designated by the enabling legislation. Research Park is the sole owner of LTP, which is operated under a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between LTP, State of Louisiana, Louisiana Economic Development, and Research Park Corporation.

The Tech Park is a joint private-public alliance formed to establish a dynamic, one-of-a-kind, world-class Internet technology presence in Louisiana resulting from the combination of a high-tech business accelerator program, a commercial, tier IV data center (www.ntg.com), and significant third-party high-tech tenant space. LTP services are available statewide for young e-commerce and high-technology

businesses. It provides access to seasoned business professionals through a Strategic Partner Network of 50+ professional companies and a connection to university-based business mentors and interns with pricing that is within reach of young startup companies.

The Tech Park has created a world-class technology hub with an infrastructure that rivals Silicon Valley. The resources of the Tech Park are designed to position Louisiana as a competitor in the digital economy. By the end of 2006, 16 member companies were in residence with a collective payroll of over \$7.5 million and revenue of more than \$11.8 million. Those members have raised a combined more than \$16.5 million in angel and venture money.

Tech Park Services

- Attractive, quality office space (24/7)
- Access to coaching and mentoring services through our Strategic Partner Program
- Access to venture capital and merchant banking resources and services
- Shared receptionist/secretarial services
- Office furniture/equipment, including telephone/broadband Internet access, printers, copiers, and fax
- Conference rooms, training facility, and meeting spaces

METRO/REGIONAL BUSINESS INCUBATOR

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Diana M. Simek, Manager

Primary Client Type

Manufacturing
Warehousing/Distribution
Internet Sales
Technology-based

Year Opened

1998

Gross Square Footage

36,000 sq. ft.

Area Served by Incubator

Regional - population:
350,000

Primary Sponsor

The Coordinating &
Development Corporation

Corporate Status

501(C)(3)

The Metro/Regional Business Incubator is a business development project of The Coordinating & Development Corporation (CDC), an economic development organization serving ten parishes in Northwest Louisiana, eight counties in Northeast Texas, and four counties in Southwest Arkansas. The Incubator is managed under contract by the Ark-La-Tex Export & Technology Center (ARETC), a CDC affiliate organization.

Mission

The mission of the Metro/Regional Business Incubator is to provide a "safe haven" environment and a full range of business assistance to entrepreneurs and new and expanding businesses in order to create new jobs and diversifying the economy.

Business Incubator

The Metro/Regional Business Incubator facility features 36,000 square feet of space that can be divided to meet individual company needs -- with the flexibility to be enlarged as a business grows. In addition, the Business Incubator provides tenants with a wide range of benefits, including the following:

- Flexible and affordable rental space for light manufacturing and warehousing/distribution in a prestigious location
- Day-to-day hands on business counseling
- Conference, meeting and training facilities
- Access to basic office equipment, including a copier and fax, with limited basic office furniture available at no cost to tenants
- Security system with keyless entry for employees
- Loading docks
- Basic utilities and janitorial service
- Parking
- Tenant Access 7/24
- T1 Internet Access through ShreveNet and Broadband through Comcast Cable

Incubator without Walls Outreach

The Metro/Regional Business Incubator also actively supports an "Incubator without Walls" to help entrepreneurs and struggling small businesses that are not located in the Business Incubator. Generalized assistance for both Incubator tenants and outside clients is provided by ARETC's staff, with specialized assistance augmented by a variety of experts from community and government support organizations. Most assistance is provided at no cost, while other assistance is provided either as part of the space rental charge for tenants of the Business Incubator, or on a fee basis (for extended assistance).

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Outreach Program

The Ark-La-Tex Regional Export & Technology Center, Inc. assists companies with the Federal government's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. The SBIR program is a highly competitive three-phase award program that provides qualified small business concerns with opportunities to propose innovative ideas that meet the specific research and R&D needs of the federal government.

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Aaron Miscenich, Executive Director

Primary Client Type
BioTechnology

Year Opening
Late 2009

Gross Square Footage
65,000 sq. ft.

Areas Served by Incubator
State of Louisiana

Primary Sponsor
State of Louisiana

The New Orleans BioInnovation Center is a technology business incubator created to foster entrepreneurship within the New Orleans bioscience community. Located in downtown New Orleans, our mission is to assist companies commercializing biotechnologies from New Orleans-based universities.

Funded through the LA Department of Economic Development, the company was created as a partnership between the Health Sciences Centers of Louisiana State University and Tulane University. Part of a statewide network (along with the Louisiana Emerging Technologies Center in Baton Rouge, and BioSpace1 in Shreveport), the Center will provide business incubation services and wet lab facilities to start-up and early-stage biotechnology companies.

The cornerstone of our work will be a 65,000 square foot facility currently under development on Canal Street in downtown New Orleans. The building will house life sciences laboratory equipment and office space where young companies can turn research into successful ventures.

A key component of the facility will be a 11,000 sq. ft. FDA compliant clinical manufacturing facility owned and managed by the Louisiana Gene Therapy Research Consortium. The facility will produce cell and gene therapy technologies for clinical trials and will operate under stringent FDA guidelines to meet the scrupulous requirements for producing therapies used in humans.

Site preparation has begun with construction to be completed, and the Center ready for occupancy, in late 2009.

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Bill Joubert, Director

Primary Client Type

Mixed Use

Year Opened

2003

Gross Square Footage

17,000 sq. ft.

Areas Served by Incubator

North Shore parishes of St Tammany, Tangipahoa, Livingston, Washington, and St. Helena

Primary Sponsor

Southeastern Louisiana University

The Southeast Louisiana Business Center helps facilitate economic development in the region by providing a "one-stop-shop" for economic development activities in Southeast Louisiana. Gathering the area's economic development resources together, it helps create partnerships that directly or indirectly contribute to the economic renewal and diversification of Louisiana with an eye on the Governor's Vision 2020 Plan.

For small and emerging businesses, the Center offers start-up and expansion business consulting, demographics and financial analysis, market development, capitalization and business plans, loan proposals, business incentives assistance, entrepreneurial and work force training, meeting facilities and business services, and networking opportunities with area economic development partners.

Resource Partners

Some of the Center's partners in economic development activities include:

- Area Chambers of Commerce
- Florida Parishes Economic Development Association
- Hammond Industrial Development Board
- Louisiana Department of Labor
- Louisiana Economic Development
- Small Business Development Center
- Southeastern Louisiana University's Economic & Business Development Department
- Southeastern Louisiana University's College of Business & Technology
- Tangipahoa Economic Development Foundation
- U.S. Rural Development
- U.S. Small Business Administration

Incubator Space/Transitional Space

The SLBC offers qualifying businesses low-cost space and a wide range of business development services they might otherwise be unable to attain or afford. The Admissions Committee for the Center looks at the resident applicant for the following entrance criteria:

- Realistic business idea
- Reasonable credit history
- Adequate financial resources to remain in business for at least six months
- A strong management team with at least one full-time person working in the business
- A match between the needs of the company and available incubator resources
- No direct competition with other incubator clients.

Existing businesses with short-term transitional space needs can also be accommodated within this program.

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT
SMALL, WOMEN, AND MINORITY OWNED BUSINESS INCUBATOR**

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Darrin Dixon, Manager

The SUSLA Small, Women, & Minority-Owned (SWMO) Business Incubator can assist entrepreneurs with the following services.

Primary Client Type
Services

Year Opened
2005

Gross Square Footage
5,000 sq. ft.

Area Served by Incubator
Caddo and Bossier Parishes

Primary Sponsors
Southern University at
Shreveport
U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Greater Bossier Economic
Development Foundation

- Assistance in obtaining funding
- Networking with other entrepreneurs
- Flexible Space and Leases
- No Utility Cost
- Security Alarm System
- Furnished Office Space
- Janitorial Service
- Business Support Services
- Secretarial, fax and copy machine access
- Telephone answering service
- Classroom space and/or a conference room
- Business and Technical assistance
- Onsite assistance
- Community referral system

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**Norma E. Grace, Vice-Chancellor for Technology &
Economic Development**

Primary Client Type

Technology Products or
Services
Research and Development
Bio-Medical and Bio-
Technical Products or
Services
Professional Services
Space and Naval Warfare
Systems

Year Opened

1998

Area Served by Incubator

Metropolitan New Orleans

Primary Sponsor

University of New Orleans

The UNO Research and Technology Park brings the prestige of a major university to its companies. With world-class departments of naval architecture and marine engineering, business administration, communications disciplines, high performance computing, biotechnology, advanced materials, environmental and energy research, UNO is betting on the strength of its excellent faculty and students, in partnership with industry and government, to use its multi-disciplinary programs to solve problems, create new products and increase the quality of life in the New Orleans Region. The Park is the physical interface for academia and industry — ideas and people — to maximize productivity to grow the ideas and business of today's economy.

Located on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain, the University of New Orleans shares the vision of an advanced technology community with university, industry and government partners. Our mission is to stimulate the growth of enterprises that are:

- Developing public/private collaboration in research, technology advancement, training and educational opportunities.
- Promoting innovation and creativity through cultural and scientific interaction
- Strengthening economic competitiveness and workforce development of the region.
- Creating a community that fosters a spirit of inquiry and exchange of ideas.

Advanced Technology Center. Developed by the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation, Inc., the five story 79,600 square feet commercial multi-tenant Advanced Technology Center (ATC) offers research oriented and technologically advanced firms an ideal address.

The Center for Energy Resources Management (CERM), a \$20 million research facility opened in Spring, 2002 in the UNO Research and Technology Park, focuses on biotechnology, energy, environmental research, geology, information technology, maritime technology, and technology transfer. Urban Waste Environmental Systems Center; and Tribology Laboratory.

The Space & Naval Warfare Systems Center (SSC), New Orleans is the first information technology organization of its kind to be located in Louisiana. Through a unique partnership between government, academia, and industry, the SSC New Orleans has established a center for Technology/Information Management excellence.

The UNO/Northrop Grumman Maritime Technology Center of Excellence was the first development project of the UNO Research and Technology Foundation, Inc. Developed through a \$40 million cooperative endeavor between the State of Louisiana Department of Economic Development, Avondale Industries and the University of New Orleans, the Center is an off-site component of the UNO's Research and Technology Park, and is situated on 4.5 acres adjacent to Northrop Grumman Ship Systems headquarters on the Westbank.

Association Members

Cleco Corporation is an energy services company based in central Louisiana. They have been in business since 1934, and throughout their years of service, they have perfected the basics of a successful electric utility business: reasonable rates, reliable service and customer focus. Their economic development team works with local, regional and state economic development organizations to promote economic growth in Louisiana in order to retain our existing customers and bring new businesses and jobs to the communities they serve. Combining community assets with their knowledge and experience, Cleco's economic development team members can help plan and execute initiatives that get results for a community and its businesses.

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Entergy Corporation is an integrated energy company engaged primarily in electric power production and retail distribution operations. Entergy Louisiana Economic Development has an established full-service research center devoted to providing assistance in the site selection decision making process. A full-time research staff can provide information on available buildings and sites, demographic and economic data on markets across the state, list of suppliers and competitors in any area, and more. The Teamwork Louisiana Team City Program, sponsored by Entergy Corporation, is a proven economic development tool that every Louisiana community should know about. The program is based on the principle that the community that has carefully prepared itself for growth has the best chance of obtaining and sustaining economic prosperity.

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The mission of **Louisiana Economic Development** is to provide excellence in leadership, policy and programs to create a business climate enabling public-private linkages, which result in capital investment, a diversified economic base, and quality job opportunities for all Louisiana citizens. In 2005, the International Organization for Standardization recently awarded Louisiana Economic Development (LED) with its ISO 9001:2000 certification. With this recognition, LED becomes the only state economic development agency in the United States that is ISO certified. More recently, in March 2006, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) announced that Louisiana Economic Development has been recognized as one of 27 economic development organizations accredited by IEDC as an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO). Louisiana Economic

Development is the first state to receive AEDO accreditation. www.led.state.la.us

The **Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA)** is a financing authority created in 1974 as a public trust and public corporation by the Public Facilities Corporation, a Louisiana corporation. The purposes of the LPFA are to promote, encourage and further the accomplishment of all activities which are or may become of benefit to the State of Louisiana and which have a public purpose. To meet its purposes the LPFA has the ability to issue both taxable and tax-exempt bonds to finance everything from educational facilities to hospitals, student loans, industrial and economic development projects and essential programs for state and local governmental units.

www.lpfa.com

The **Louisiana Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)** network helps entrepreneurs and businesses start, develop and grow by providing high quality individual counseling, business education classes, information resources, and specialized services such as international trade, technology transfer and commercialization. The LSBDC is a partnership program with the U. S. SBA, Louisiana Economic Development and participating universities.

www.lsbdc.org