

Kentucky Technology Business Incubators & Accelerators

Kentucky supports a network of technology business incubators and accelerators to provide start-up and small firms with critical business assistance and expertise, with most facilities also offering low-cost office space, light manufacturing, and/or laboratory facilities.

Facilities are located in the following cities across Kentucky:

Ashland
Bowling Green
Covington
Lexington
London
Louisville
Murray
Owensboro
Paducah
Richmond
West Liberty

Ashland

Entrepreneur Center

The Entrepreneur Center is a small business "incubator" that provides assistance for approximately two to three years and then assists in helping tenants find an office in the local community. The main focus is for tenants to have a successful start-up business and have them locate in the community and hire additional employees as their business grows. Services provided include discounted office space with basic office furniture, computer with Microsoft Office software, high-speed T1 internet access, copier and fax service, office supplies, small conference room for up to 20 people, and access to managerial and technical assistance, such as business planning and computer support.

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Bowling Green

Center for Research and Development

The Central Region Innovation and Commercialization Center (ICC) manages Western Kentucky University's Small Business Accelerator at the Center for Research and Development. The ICC houses up to 20 start-up companies and assists them in accelerating their operations in national and international markets. ICC personnel also help entrepreneurs and companies that have large market potential raise private equity investment.

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Covington

bioLOGIC

Founded in 2007 and headquartered in Covington, KY, bioLOGIC is a Life-Sciences Accelerator offering office/lab space (lab is CLIA certified), management and investment services expediting commercialization of life science ideas. bioLOGIC focuses on emerging companies seeking to commercialize strong life science technologies ranging from the latest diagnostic tool to creative advancements in the world of pharmaceuticals. bioLOGIC's vision is to serve as a catalyst and significantly drive economic development in the NKY area by developing a thriving life science corridor in Covington, KY. Currently 7 companies are housed at bioLOGIC.

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Northern Kentucky ezone

The Northern Kentucky ezone is located in Covington, just across the river from Cincinnati, Ohio. ezone provides support for entrepreneurs and businesses ranging from startups to established companies that are commercializing a new product, technology or process. The business accelerator currently serves 70 startup, emerging and existing high-tech businesses. The facility includes a boardroom (fully-wired for high-speed audio/visual communication), Wi-Fi, network printing, local telephone service and voice mail.

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Lexington

Advanced Science and Technology Commercialization Center

The Advanced Science and Technology Commercialization Center (ASTeCC) is the University of Kentucky's (UK's) incubator for multidisciplinary collaborations and start-up ventures. ASTeCC provides research space, as well as a suite of modern research instruments to UK faculty; their students, staff, and postdoctoral associates; and scientists and engineers from new, for-profit, high-tech businesses. The 80,000-square-foot ASTeCC building, located on the UK campus, features two types of lab space: (A) labs for faculty, and (B) labs for high-tech business startups that are connected to UK faculty or staff, or that have licensed UK intellectual property.

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Agricultural Technologies Commercialization Center

Housed in the Kentucky Tobacco Research and Development Center (KTRDC) building on the University of Kentucky (UK) campus, the Agricultural Technologies Commercialization Center (AgTeCC) offers a laboratory environment for startups and emerging companies conducting research on crop-based agriculture. AgTeCC is fully equipped for plant biotechnology research and provides access to plant-growth and tissue-culture resources and services. The facility is designed for the start-up phase of a new company's operation.

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London

The Business Innovation and Growth Center at Kentucky Highlands

The Business Innovation and Growth Center is a 9,600 square foot Silver LEED designed facility where businesses come to accelerate their growth. More than just an office building, the BIG Center is equipped with all the facilities and services to help emerging companies thrive. Early stage product or service based companies benefit from the business development programs that include management training, mentoring, coaching, business support services, and access to capital with opportunities for networking and interaction with other companies. Facilities include wet and dry labs, office suites, conference rooms and product development areas.

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Louisville

MetaCyte Business Lab LLC

MetaCyte Business Lab creates investment-grade life science companies, typically in partnership with researchers or clinicians who continue their day job of advancing their technology. MetaCyte's team, with experience in venture capital, Big Pharma, finance, bench science and startups, provides the day-to-day management necessary to move the company forward. To help make the startup attractive to investors, MetaCyte can perform due diligence and market research, while arranging meetings with clinicians, VCs and key industry leaders. The goal is to create a capital-efficient company moving along the path to achieve critical milestones. MetaCyte was founded in 2002 and is owned by the University of Louisville Foundation, Inc.

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Murray

Regional Business and Innovation Center

The Regional Business and Innovation Center (RBIC) in Murray, Kentucky, assists entrepreneurs and scientists

in perfecting and maturing their ideas and business concepts. RBIC provides a set of detailed steps and guidelines that help entrepreneurs refine their business strategy, financials, investor presentation, concept, and valuation. This creates a professional business package that potential investors can use to quickly and easily assess their level of interest. The process is built around well-defined steps that result in a solid business concept, valuation of the company, and investor presentation.

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Owensboro

Centre for Business and Research

The Centre is a 37,000 sq. ft. business accelerator in downtown Owensboro built to meet the growing demand for laboratory and complementary office space with high-speed internet services. The Centre provides customized, build-to-order private wet labs, as well as a community wet lab facility where tenants can rent by the bench. Other features include a conference room and break room, as well as a shared copier/business area.

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Paducah

Innovation and Small Business Center

The Innovation and Small Business Center, located in the Paducah Commerce Center, provides the region with a one-stop resource for all small business development and offers targeted business tools for technology and knowledge-based businesses. Business Development Services provided include but are not limited to funding assistance, financial analysis and review, business plan coaching and assessment, business valuation review, business start-up assistance, certification and permitting assistance, marketing assistance, seminars and workshops.

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Richmond

EKU Business & Technology Accelerator Program

The Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) Business and Technology Accelerator Program (BTAP) is a university-based economic development enterprise that focuses the energy, skills and intellectual capital of EKU on enterprise creation and expansion. Specializing in the areas of small business services, entrepreneurship, technology and high-tech ventures, the BTAP offers programs, services, and resources that seek to enhance the regional economy through new business formation.

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Morehead State University Business Incubator

The Morehead State University Business Incubator, located next to the school's campus in West Liberty, is a 4,500 sq. ft. high-tech business incubator within a 90 minute drive to Lexington, Pikeville or Ashland. The Incubator hosts new businesses and houses various government and educational agencies. The Business Pavilion was designed to create an environment where businesses can focus on product and technology development, sales, and marketing. Incubator tenants also have access to all meeting rooms, copiers, printers, communication services and high-speed internet.

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