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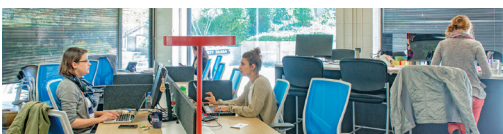


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## MVCA Overview

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# Get Connected with Michigan's Entrepreneurial & Investment Community

Michigan Venture Capital Association is excited to release its 2017 Michigan Entrepreneurial & Investment Landscape Guide, a tool that connects people with the amazing resources and organizations in Michigan!

One of the primary goals of the Michigan Venture Capital Association is to foster a collaborative entrepreneurial and investment community. With this guide, people can quickly identify information to help them connect with *capital, community, talent, and research*. These connections help Michigan build a stronger entrepreneurial and investment community, creating more economic opportunities for everyone in the long run.

**1** Find overviews, contact information, and investment criteria for angel groups and venture capital firms.

Identify programs offered, resources available, and company stages/sectors served by entrepreneurial support organizations and service providers.

**3** Search by a specific region using the interactive ***Landscape Map*** online to find all these organizations PLUS startup companies!

Access the information anytime, anywhere at  
[www.MichiganVCA.org](http://www.MichiganVCA.org)!

Michigan entrepreneurs are served by

2,476 professionals

152 organizations

WORKING AT

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## Investment Organizations

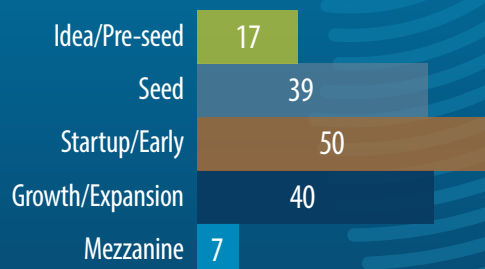
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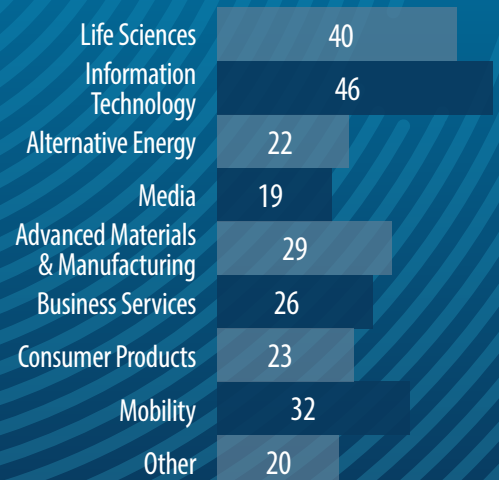
### STAGE FOCUS

(of the 56 Investment Organizations)



### SECTOR FOCUS

(of the 56 Investment Organizations)



PREFERRED INITIAL INVESTMENT

Angel Investors \$25k - \$500k

Venture Capital \$25k - \$5M







27.84%

of contacts listed are women



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Most common name  
of contacts listed is

**Michael**



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startup company, investor  
and entrepreneurial support  
organization by geography  
on our Landscape Map at  
[MichiganVCA.org](http://MichiganVCA.org)

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## Entrepreneurial Support Organizations

19 **smart**  
ZONES

### STAGE FOCUS

(of the 96 Entrepreneurial Support Organizations)

Idea/Pre-seed	80
Seed	81
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### SECTOR FOCUS

(of the 96 Entrepreneurial Support Organizations)

Life Sciences	75
Information Technology	77
Alternative Energy	64
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Advanced Materials & Manufacturing	75
Business Services	67
Consumer Products	66
Mobility	62
Other	50

### PROGRAMS OFFERED

(by the 96 Entrepreneurial Support Organizations)

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# Michigan Venture Capital

2017 Annual Research Report

## MVCA Annual Research Report

For the most comprehensive analysis of entrepreneurial  
and investment activity in Michigan, visit the MVCA  
Annual Research Report on our website:

[www.MichiganVCA.org](http://www.MichiganVCA.org)



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Ann Arbor Angels was founded in 2004 and has evolved into a member-driven angel investment organization, comprised of former CEOs and founders as well as business and investment leaders in the Ann Arbor community. Ann Arbor Angels invests in young companies with breakthrough products or services. In addition to providing capital, they share expertise, provide mentoring, and facilitate connections to the broader marketplace.

Number of Active MI Investments: 23

Actively Investing? Yes

Number of Angels Investors: 11

Preferred Initial Investment Size: \$200,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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BELLE Michigan's mission is to provide superior returns for investors while serving the early-stage capital needs of women-led companies. The companies invested have access not only to BELLE's capital but to a network of limited partners who bring years of experience as entrepreneurs, professionals, and corporate executives to support the success of portfolio companies.

Number of Active MI Investments: 14

Actively Investing? Yes

Number of Angels Investors: 29

Preferred Initial Investment Size: \$150,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

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### Stages of Investment:

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BlueWater Angels is a network of accredited investors and select organizations investing capital in promising companies in the Great Lakes Bay Region. The group recognizes the value of supporting and nurturing the entrepreneurial community for the economic benefit of Mid-Michigan and the State of Michigan. BlueWater Angels addresses the tremendous shortage of seed capital through creative initiatives and unique financial approaches.

Number of Active MI Investments: 24

Actively Investing? Yes

Number of Angels Investors: 44

Preferred Initial Investment Size: \$500,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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Stages of Investment:

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Number of Active MI Investments: 9

Actively Investing? Yes

Number of Angels Investors: 16

Preferred Initial Investment Size: \$250,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

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Stages of Investment:

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Grand Angels makes investments in new ideas that will have a positive effect on our world. It measures this through business growth, job creation, and the attraction and retention of talent to West Michigan. Established in 2004, the group only invests in companies based in Michigan and bordering states. To the entrepreneurs in whom they invest, Grand Angels brings engaged, experienced business leaders who provide both financial and intellectual capital.

Number of Active MI Investments: 20

Actively Investing? Yes

Number of Angels Investors: 44

Preferred Initial Investment Size: \$500,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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Great Lakes Angels focus on providing funding to capital-efficient early-stage companies located in the Midwest. They are open to pre-revenue companies that are close to revenue and can demonstrate strong potential customer interest.

Number of Active MI Investments: 4

Actively Investing? Yes

Number of Angels Investors: 12

Preferred Initial Investment Size: \$25,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

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### Stages of Investment:

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Michigan Angel Fund provides funding to capital-efficient early-stage companies located in Michigan. The fund works closely with other stakeholders in the Michigan entrepreneurial ecosystem to ensure that it invests in the most promising companies and to ensure the future success of those companies and its investments.

Number of Active MI Investments: 18

Actively Investing? Yes

Number of Angels Investors: 120

Preferred Initial Investment Size: \$400,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

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### Information Technology Subsectors:

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### Stages of Investment:

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Muskegon Angels is a member-led organization committed to finding, funding, and mentoring great young companies from pitch through successful exit. Its priority is job creation, with a particular emphasis on Muskegon-area development.

Number of Active MI Investments: 14

Actively Investing? Yes

Number of Angels Investors: 25

Preferred Initial Investment Size: \$100,000 - \$200,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

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Windsor Essex Capital Angel Network (WECAN) is an Angel Investors Ontario member with 40+ investor members from Ontario, Michigan and across NA. WECAN reviews 20+ Canadian & US companies monthly with five chosen to present to its members on a monthly basis. WECAN is an active member of NACO, ACA, MVCA and has hosted 120 + startups. WECAN members work together and with other investment groups on deal syndication, and also provide mentorship, sector expertise and valuable business contacts. Key 2017 sectors include: ag-tech, artificial intelligence, clean-tech and automotive.

Number of Active MI Investments: 1

Actively Investing? Yes

Number of Angels Investors: 40

Preferred Initial Investment Size: \$150,000 - \$500,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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Allos invests in early-stage companies, augmenting the capital provided by founders and angel investors who have helped the companies reach a stage at which they have initial customers and are ready for their first institutional financing round. Allos believes an "engaged" approach to venture capital investing is critical to the success of these companies. The firm works closely with its partner companies to help them leverage the business-building skills and resources developed by their team, as well as those of their investors, most of whom are successful entrepreneurs.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 0  
Worldwide Investment Professionals: 3  
Assets Under Management: \$60,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2  
Actively Investing? Yes  
Preferred Initial Investment: \$1,500,000 - \$2,000,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

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### Stages of Investment:

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Amherst Fund makes venture capital investments in early-stage companies and also makes private equity investments in later stage companies. While investing carefully to achieve sound returns, Amherst Fund offers flexibility in structuring investments to best meet the needs of the company. Amherst Fund investments have included equity, subordinated debt, and senior debt structures when appropriate.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 4  
Worldwide Investment Professionals: 4  
Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 3

Actively Investing? No  
Preferred Initial Investment: \$50,000 - \$500,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

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### Stages of Investment:

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Apjohn Ventures is a life sciences-focused fund that invests in Michigan and the Midwest. Nine portfolio companies with several exits were part of the fund, including Afmedica, ProNAi, ZyStor, Ikano, Asterand, Cytopherx, Renamed, Svelte, Kereos. The partners have been involved in starting a third of these companies and assisted in raising over \$300M in financing.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 2

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 2

Assets Under Management: \$15,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 1

Actively Investing? No

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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Stages of Investment:

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Arbor Partners provides equity capital and entrepreneurial assistance to early and growth-stage enterprise software and technology-enabled services businesses.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 2

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 2

Assets Under Management: \$37,600,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

Actively Investing? No

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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Arboretum Ventures is a venture capital firm specializing in the healthcare sector. Founded in 2002, the firm manages \$450 million in capital and has invested in more than 30 companies. It focuses on medical device, diagnostic, healthcare IT and healthcare service companies that can achieve significant milestones and value creation in a capital-efficient manner.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 6

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 6

Assets Under Management: \$453,984,970

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 4

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$5,000,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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Arsenal is a growth-stage venture capital firm that focuses on the intersection of the government, large corporations, and emerging technology companies. The firm partners with visionary entrepreneurs to build exceptional businesses in the enterprise, commerce/logistics, healthcare, and resource efficiency sectors.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 2

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 14

Assets Under Management: \$230,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 5

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$1,500,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

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Augment Ventures invests in software, software-enabled hardware, and physical sciences innovations that drive impacts in efficiency, sustainability, and health and wellness through products used at work and home.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 2

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 2

Assets Under Management: \$10,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$250,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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Baird Capital makes venture capital, growth equity, and private equity investments in strategically-targeted sectors around the world. Baird Capital's venture team invests in early and expansion stage technology-enabled B2B services and healthcare companies. Having invested in more than 300 companies over its history, Baird Capital partners with entrepreneurs and leverages its executive networks to build exceptional companies. The venture team has partnered with many of today's leading emerging businesses in the targeted sectors, including such companies as Accuri Cytometers, Interlace Medical, MI Bioresearch, NeuMoDx Molecular, Autobooks, and Strata Oncology.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 1

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 9

Assets Under Management: \$460,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 4

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$4,500,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

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Beringea is a private equity firm providing growth capital to market-leading businesses. The firm's team offers portfolio companies the resources to grow their businesses and create value for shareholders. Beringea invests \$2-15 million in equity in companies seeking capital for business expansion and growth.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 5

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 18

Assets Under Management: \$692,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 10

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$4,000,000 - \$5,000,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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## BioStar Ventures

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BioStar Ventures is a strategic venture capital partnership focused on accelerating value creation for medical device technologies in cardiovascular and orthopaedic medicine. Combining the insight of seasoned venture capitalists and world-renowned medical thought leaders, BioStar Ventures identifies proprietary technologies that serve unmet patient needs and fit the acquisition criteria of leading medical device companies. BioStar Ventures fills an important gap in translational medical device innovation and acts as a true value-added investor, providing both capital and clinical expertise to mitigate risk, optimize product development, and secure successful exit.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 5

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 8

Assets Under Management: \$133,900,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 3

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$1,000,000 - \$3,000,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

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Cascade Partners is an investment banking and private investment firm serving entrepreneurs, businesses and investors active in the middle market. Drawing on the deep management, investment and transaction experience of its principals, Cascade Partners provides the guidance and resources necessary to navigate the complexities of managing growth through acquisitions, divestitures, financing and other strategic initiatives.

Cascade Partners manages Cascade Growth Partners (CGP), an operationally-focused private investment fund that provides growth capital to healthcare, value-added manufacturing and technology-enabled service businesses. CGP funds growth financings, acquisitions, management buyouts and change-of-control transactions. CGP invests in the lower-middle market companies with EBITDA between \$500,000 and \$5,000,000. CGP targets healthcare, value-added manufacturing, and technology-enabled businesses that have strong growth potential.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 8

Actively Investing? Yes

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 11

Preferred Initial Investment: \$1,000,000 - \$6,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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## Cultivian Sandbox Ventures

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Cultivian Sandbox is a venture capital firm focused on building next generation disruptive agriculture and food technology companies capable of generating superior returns. As early investors and active board members, Cultivian employs a hands-on approach to building companies and is often directly involved in setting company strategy, recruiting key executives, and raising additional capital.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 1

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 9

Actively Investing? Yes

Assets Under Management: \$149,000,000

Preferred Initial Investment: \$3,000,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

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Detroit Venture Partners (DVP) invests in seed and early-stage technology startups. The firm looks for companies that can be synergistic with DVP's collective experience in product development, operations, sales, and marketing. DVP intends to help rebuild Detroit through entrepreneurial fire.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 5

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 5

Assets Under Management: \$55,260,521

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 1

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$500,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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CORPORATE VENTURE FUND

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Dow Venture Capital — an investment arm of The Dow Chemical Company — is focused on pursuing strategic investments that enable and accelerate Dow's business growth while adding value to its portfolio companies.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 1

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 2

Assets Under Management: \$100,000,000

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: Up to \$5,000,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

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Draper Triangle Ventures is a Pittsburgh-based early-stage venture capital firm focused on technology investing in the Midwest. With \$200 million under management across three funds, the firm focuses on early-stage technology businesses with enormous market potential, helping entrepreneurs achieve their maximum potential through team building, partnership, advice, and support.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 1

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 6

Assets Under Management: \$200,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 3

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$2,000,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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## EDF Ventures, LLC

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EDF Ventures is a leading venture capital firm investing in early-stage healthcare companies. The firm focuses on young companies that are developing breakthrough technologies to address large, well-recognized problems or transform existing markets. The individuals pioneering these kinds of solutions require far more than just capital; they need venture investors who are committed for the long haul, true partners who can help transform their visions into strong, profitable companies.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 3

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 3

Assets Under Management: \$178,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 6

Actively Investing? No

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

CORPORATE VENTURE FUND

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eighteen94 makes minority investments in companies pursuing next-generation innovation, bolstering access to cutting-edge ideas and trends. The investment mandate includes startup businesses pioneering new ingredients, foods, packaging, and enabling technology.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 2

Actively Investing? Yes

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 2

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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eLab Ventures is an early-stage technology venture capital fund created to capitalize on the growth of emerging entrepreneurial markets outside of Silicon Valley and to create bridges to those markets to seek startups with disruptive innovations, exceptional teams, and capital efficient business models that have the potential to serve large markets. The firm focuses on auto mobility, big data, security, cloud computing and digital healthcare opportunities.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 2

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 3

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 5

Actively Investing? Yes

Assets Under Management: \$22,565,000

Preferred Initial Investment: \$1,000,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

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Fontinalis Partners, founded in 2009 and with offices in Detroit and Boston, is a venture capital firm strategically focused on next-generation mobility (i.e., the efficient movement of goods, people, and services). The firm invests across all facets of the world's mobility systems on a stage-agnostic basis.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 9

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 10

Assets Under Management: \$165,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 4

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$2,500,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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CORPORATE VENTURE FUND

## General Motors Ventures

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General Motors Ventures LLC was formed in 2010 to identify, engage and build relationships with other venture capital firms and companies to deliver innovative technology to the global transportation sector. GM Ventures' investment strategy includes early and growth-stage companies focused on automotive cleantech, infotainment (connected vehicle), advanced materials, and other automotive-related technologies. The firm has 21 active portfolio companies and ten successful exits to date.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 8

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 8

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 1

Actively Investing? Yes

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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Grand Ventures focuses on seed and Series A B2B technology companies (mostly software) with strong Midwest roots that are focused on agriculture, energy, mobility, manufacturing, and other Midwest industries. Grand Ventures portfolio includes Astronomer.io, a data engineering platform that automates this heavy lifting through the release of a library of reusable connectors and pipelines "recipes" that seamlessly collect and route data from any source, like Salesforce or Google Analytics, to any destination, like Redshift or MySQL, in an enterprise.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 3

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 1

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 3

Actively Investing? Yes

Assets Under Management: \$30,000,000

Preferred Initial Investment: \$500,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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Hopen Life Science Ventures invests in exceptional early to mid-stage healthcare and life science opportunities. The firm's investment strategy focuses on Midwest companies with innovative solutions that deliver significantly better outcomes and at lower total system costs. Hopen leverages its rich life science talent and resources, as well as its investor syndicates, to provide the financial and human capital necessary for building value.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 5

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 6

Actively Investing? Yes

Assets Under Management: \$70,900,000

Preferred Initial Investment: \$2,000,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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Huron River Ventures is a venture fund focused on early-stage agriculture, energy, and manufacturing and mobility technology companies based primarily in Michigan and the Midwest. The fund backs great people with big ideas and the team prides itself on rolling up its sleeves to add value and help entrepreneurs succeed.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 1

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 1

Assets Under Management: \$16,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$300,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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## Hyde Park Venture Partners

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Hyde Park Venture Partners (HPVP) is an early-stage venture fund focused on software startups in the Midwest. HPVP focuses its investment activity on B2B software and consumer marketplace startups raising their first or second rounds of capital. The investment team is a combination of experienced operators, strategists, and investors and helps its portfolio companies scale with a strong network of talent and go-to-market experience. The team prides itself on being active and engaged across the Midwest ecosystem, and Pitchbook recently recognized HPVP as one of the most active VCs in the Great Lakes region.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 0

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 5

Assets Under Management: \$90,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$100,000 - \$2,000,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

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IncWell is an early-stage venture capital fund that was founded in 2013 by Tom LaSorda, former CEO of Chrysler. IncWell offers seed funding, strategic partnerships, and mentorships for U.S. and Canadian startup companies that present breakthrough or disruptive technologies backed by great leaders.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 3

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 3

Assets Under Management: \$10,240,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

Actively Investing? No

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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Invest Detroit Ventures was founded in 2010 and has invested in over 80 companies since inception based on the philosophy that, while the firm cannot invest in every entrepreneur, its team can provide assistance to every one of them. Invest Detroit Ventures is committed to supporting the entrepreneurial ecosystem with capital, ongoing mentorship, and community engagement. The firm implements targeted venture development programs to help build and promote scalable businesses in the region. The team is committed to growing a robust tech community in Detroit and throughout Michigan. They are collectively focused on implementing an investment strategy that is inclusive and supportive of minority, immigrant, and women entrepreneurs.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 4

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 4

Assets Under Management: \$20,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 3

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$50,000 - \$250,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

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Invest Michigan is a Michigan nonprofit corporation and the fund manager for the Michigan Pre-Seed Fund II, a \$10.5 million investment fund providing capital to early-stage technology companies in Michigan. Its funds come from the state's Michigan Strategic Fund but are governed by a private independent board of directors, and its investment decisions are independent of the State, as are the members of its leadership team.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 4

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 4

Assets Under Management: \$10,500,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$50,000 - \$150,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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Ludlow operates differently because it's a different kind of VC. It believes in VC without ego. The team wears their hearts on their sleeves, avoiding the puffery and posturing that has given venture capital a bad name. The firm funds the dreams of entrepreneurs and startups, becoming close friends with all of the teams they invest in. VC is a customer service business; whether it's testing product, leveraging their network, or encouraging people to download a company's app, becoming close friends with all of the teams in which they invest..

Michigan Investment Professionals: 3

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 3

Assets Under Management: \$60,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$400,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

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Mercury Fund is an early-stage venture capital firm. Mercury focuses on entrepreneurs and technology innovation originating in the U.S. Midcontinent. Its investment themes target SaaS, Cloud, and Data Science/AI platforms. Over a decade ago, Mercury recognized the rise of entrepreneurs and innovation in the underinvested Midcontinent. The firm's venture investment strategy leverages its unparalleled network of Midcontinent startup development organizations, corporate innovation partners, and co-investors to assist entrepreneurs with the resources they need to rapidly scale their businesses. The firm believes now, more than ever, the Midcontinent represents a great venture capital opportunity.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 1

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 4

Assets Under Management: \$205,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 3

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$1,000,000 - \$3,000,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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## Michigan Accelerator Fund I

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Michigan Accelerator Fund I invests in promising early-stage Michigan-based companies with the goal of achieving significant, long-term capital appreciation for investors. Prime investment candidates have novel, potentially game-changing technologies, are capital efficient, have near-term market impact, and fill an unmet market need.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 3

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 3

Assets Under Management: \$20,128,270

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$750,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

## MK Capital

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MK Capital offers multi-stage growth equity and venture capital to companies in the following sectors: cloud infrastructure, digital media, enterprise software, and education technology. As members of the MK Capital portfolio, companies get access to a dedicated partner with deep operating experience. The firm leverages insights from a strong understanding of its sectors to help its portfolio companies grow.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 1  
Worldwide Investment Professionals: 6  
Assets Under Management: \$265,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2  
Actively Investing? Yes  
Preferred Initial Investment: \$4,000,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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## Next Coast Ventures

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Next Coast Ventures focuses on supporting the best entrepreneurs in the world as they build their businesses. Instead of focusing on sectors, its investment strategy focuses on thematic investing where the firm is constantly reflecting on what it sees in the marketplace. The firm especially likes to invest in entrepreneurs who are building disruptive companies in big industries. Next Coast's focus is Series A and Series B rounds. The firm looks to lead rounds and take board seats where appropriate.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 0  
Worldwide Investment Professionals: 3  
Assets Under Management: \$88,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 1  
Actively Investing? Yes  
Preferred Initial Investment: \$2,000,000 - \$4,000,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

## North Coast Technology Investors




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North Coast invests in early-stage, technology-driven companies, primarily in the Midwest. Its goal is to work with talented entrepreneurs who want to build great companies. They do this by focusing on a long-term and sustainable plan, creating rapid growth through access to capital, and being good partners.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 3  
Worldwide Investment Professionals: 3  
Assets Under Management: \$100,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 3  
Actively Investing? Yes  
Preferred Initial Investment: \$750,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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## Plymouth Growth Partners






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Plymouth Growth Partners (formerly Plymouth Ventures) invests in growth-stage businesses throughout the Great Lakes region. With over 100 years of combined investing experience, Plymouth takes a flexible approach to partnering with management teams, helping to drive growth, build value and realize full potential. Plymouth focuses on B2B product and services companies that have a scalable technology and proven growth. Based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Plymouth Growth Partners has over \$140 million under management and is actively investing out of its fourth fund.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 6  
Worldwide Investment Professionals: 6  
Assets Under Management: \$140,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 4  
Actively Investing? Yes  
Preferred Initial Investment: \$3,000,000 - \$4,000,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

## Red Cedar Ventures

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Red Cedar Ventures, the venture investment arm of the Michigan State University Foundation, focuses on growing startup companies created by MSU faculty, staff, and students. Red Cedar Ventures manages two funds—a \$3.5M Pre-Seed Fund and a \$5M Opportunity Fund—and participates at any financing stage.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 4

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 4

Assets Under Management: \$8,500,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$25,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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Renaissance Venture Capital Fund (RVCF) is an innovative venture capital fund-of-funds formed by some of Michigan's most important organizations to profitably invest in the growth of groundbreaking Michigan technologies and companies. RVCF provides capital that increases entrepreneurial activity and creates a strategic connection between innovative young companies and Michigan's strong business and industrial base, providing benefits to both communities and increasing the financial success of the RVCF's investments.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 3

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 3

Assets Under Management: \$175,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 3

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$500,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

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Resonant Venture Partners is a venture capital firm that invests in early-stage companies developing security, industrial IoT and cloud-based products and services.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 3

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 3

Assets Under Management: \$10,605,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 1

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$500,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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River Cities invests in world-class management teams, backing progressive, proven leaders in the markets of healthcare and information technology. River Cities participates as a trusted partner side-by-side with company executives, investing significant human capital to leverage what the team has learned from its successes as well as its mistakes during the course of more than 100 investments. With over \$500 million of capital raised and a 20-year track record of success, River Cities has established itself as a preferred source of growth capital.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 1

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 14

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 5

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$5,000,000 - \$12,000,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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RPM Ventures, founded in 2000, is a seed and early-stage venture firm that focuses on investing in B2B enterprise solutions, online marketplaces, and, its specialty, automotive IT (which includes connected car, mobility, and transportation). The firm has a deep commitment to its portfolio CEOs and focuses on markets and models where its specific expertise can make a significant impact on the growth of the business – a reflection of RPM's relationship-driven approach.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 3

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 4

Assets Under Management: \$200,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 3

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$2,000,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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CORPORATE VENTURE FUND

## Spectrum Health Ventures

[www.spectrumhealth.org](http://www.spectrumhealth.org)

HEADQUARTERS: 221 Michigan St. NE, Suite 501, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Staff:

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SCOTT LANCASTER - Clinical Director



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Spectrum Health Ventures (SHV) invests in products and services that provide strategic value to the Spectrum Health System (including Priority Health). SHV makes growth capital investments in companies that will uniquely allow the Spectrum Health System to reduce costs, increase patient and practitioner engagement, increase the quality of health outcomes, and/or to improve the general health and wellness of the communities that it serves.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 2

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 2

Assets Under Management: \$100,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 1

Actively Investing? Yes

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

## Tamarind Hill

[www.tamarind-hill.com](http://www.tamarind-hill.com)

**HEADQUARTERS: 326 W. Liberty, Suite 5, Ann Arbor, MI 48103**



Tamarind Hill



### Staff:

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MARK SHARY - Co-Founder/Partner

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Tamarind Hill provides entrepreneurial stage capital to fast-growing, recurring revenue model, software-enabled companies addressing healthcare business needs or supply chain efficiencies. The firm focuses on opportunities throughout the lower Great Lakes region from its Ann Arbor and Columbus offices. Tamarind Hill is often the lead institutional investor in a Series A round with check size from \$1.0-2.5 million; it also participates with smaller investments in earlier rounds to partner with Series A prospects. The firm has significant experience with entrepreneurial stage companies and knows where it can add value by challenging but not second-guessing management.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 1

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 2

Assets Under Management: \$8,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 1

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$1,000,000 - \$2,500,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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## Tappan Hill Ventures

[www.tappanhillventures.com](http://www.tappanhillventures.com)

**HEADQUARTERS: 425 N. Main St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104**



### Staff:

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Tappan Hill invests in B2B software solving difficult problems in large markets. Tappan Hill is industry agnostic and invests anywhere in the United States.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 3

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 3

Assets Under Management: \$5,200,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 1

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$200,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

## TGap Ventures

[www.tgapventures.com](http://www.tgapventures.com)

**HEADQUARTERS: 7171 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009**

Staff:

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TGap Ventures serves entrepreneurs throughout the Midwest by helping them define, develop, grow, and build value in their businesses. The TGap team is a mix of successful venture capitalists, managers, and entrepreneurs with the aptitudes, experience, empathy, realism and patience required to build great businesses from, and add value to, developing companies. TGap invests in medical devices, software, media, specialty manufacturing, and services.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 2

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 2

Assets Under Management: \$50,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$1,000,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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## Three Leaf Ventures

[www.threeleafventures.com](http://www.threeleafventures.com)

**HEADQUARTERS: 252 Clayton St., Suite 400, Denver, CO 80206**

**303 Detroit St., Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104**

Staff:

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Three Leaf Ventures firmly believes that people's lives will continue to benefit from the advance of wireless, mobile and communication technology. Combined with a shift in how people think about their health, technological advances will pave the way for a transformation of the current system. Three Leaf Ventures has a dedicated focus to invest with passionate individuals that are aligned with driving this change. Its thesis incorporates three prominent themes: 1.) involving an increasingly proactive, educated and invested consumer of healthcare; 2.) leveraging significant advances and penetration of wireless and mobile communication technology, and 3.) pursuing a shift to individualized healthcare from population-based medicine.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 1

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 5

Assets Under Management: \$50,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 1

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$500,000

Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# VENTURE CAPITAL

## Venture Investors

[www.ventureinvestors.com](http://www.ventureinvestors.com)

**HEADQUARTERS: 505 S. Rosa Road, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53719**  
**201 S. Main St., Suite 900, Ann Arbor, MI 48104**

### Staff:

JOHN NEIS - Managing Director

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Venture Investors makes seed and early-stage venture capital investments in high potential healthcare companies. The firm focuses on the Midwest and has a national reach. It specializes in university spin-outs from Midwest universities, with a focus on the Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin, where its two offices are located.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 2

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 5

Assets Under Management: \$201,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 5

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$2,500,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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## Wakestream Ventures

[www.wakestreamventures.com](http://www.wakestreamventures.com)

**HEADQUARTERS: 40 Pearl St. NW, Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

### Staff:

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**WAKESTREAM  
VENTURES**



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Wakestream Ventures, previously a part of Start Garden, wears the hat of early-stage financier and likes startups that take advantage of the Midwest expertise in manufacturing and global enterprise. Wakestream backs fascinating founders working where physical products converge with the internet.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 6

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 6

Assets Under Management: \$33,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 3

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$100,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Information Technology Subsectors:

Hardware	Software	Services	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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## WMU Biosciences Research & Commercialization Center

[www.brcc.wmich.edu](http://www.brcc.wmich.edu)

HEADQUARTERS: 4717 Campus Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008



Staff:

STEVE HAAKENSEN - Executive Director

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WMU Biosciences Research & Commercialization Center (BRCC) is based at West Michigan University and was established in 2003 with a special \$10 million appropriation from the Michigan Legislature as a nonprofit investor, designed to provide seed funding to early-stage companies focused on the life science sector. BRCC considers a wide range of life science technologies across all indications, including but not limited to: biotech therapeutics, diagnostics, medical devices, software, food, environmental and analytical services. BRCC also provides growth capital funding to Contract Research Organizations (CROs) and Contract Manufacturing Organizations (CMOs) already servicing and on the market. The economic development focus of the BRCC aims to promote the growth of Michigan's life sciences business sector and collaborates with the state's entrepreneurial resource service providers.

Michigan Investment Professionals: 1

Worldwide Investment Professionals: 1

Assets Under Management: \$12,000,000

Funds Managed (Current and Historical): 2

Actively Investing? Yes

Preferred Initial Investment: \$250,000

### Sectors of Investment:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Life Science Subsectors:

Pharmaceuticals	Devices	Diagnostics	Biotechnology	Healthcare Services	Animal Health/Agriculture	Other
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### Stages of Investment:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## A2 Health Hacks

[www.a2healthhacks.org](http://www.a2healthhacks.org)

BEATRIX BALOGH - Director

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In 2014, investors pumped \$6.5 billion into 459 health technology startups across the United States, many of which originated at hackathons. Traditionally, a hackathon is where a large group of coders come together to collaborate to create usable software or ideas. A2 Health Hacks turns this idea on its head and brings together hackers, makers, entrepreneurs, and healthcare professionals to build on everyone's collective knowledge and experience to tackle some of the industry's most complicated issues.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine	Public
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### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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## ACRE AgTech

[www.acreagtech.com](http://www.acreagtech.com)

West Olive, MI

PAUL SACHS - Executive Director

[paul@acreagtech.com](mailto:paul@acreagtech.com), 616-994-4745

ACRE AgTech, a nonprofit corporation, specializes in providing ag-tech connections, resources, and expertise to help entities commercialize their ag-tech innovations.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine	Public
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### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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## Ann Arbor New Tech

[www.meetup.com/a2newtech](http://www.meetup.com/a2newtech)

BRIAN KELLY - Host and Co-organizer

[organizers@a2newtech.org](mailto:organizers@a2newtech.org), 703-628-6937

The Ann Arbor New Tech meetup welcomes members from any school, sector, or industry function (entrepreneurs, technologists, investors, lawyers, marketers, students, etc.) interested in local high-tech startups. They seek to foster tech entrepreneurship by facilitating communication, providing access to resources, and creating community. Members meet every few weeks to participate in demo events, educational panels and speaker events, unconferences, and happy hours. Their flagship event (five companies each get five minutes to demo, five minutes to answer questions, then open announcements and networking) is the third Tuesday of each month at the University of Michigan's Law School.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine	Public
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### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS



## Ann Arbor SPARK

[www.annarborusa.org](http://www.annarborusa.org)

Ann Arbor, MI

SKIP SIMMS - Senior Vice President

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Ann Arbor SPARK advances the region by encouraging and supporting business acceleration, attraction, expansion, and retention. The organization identifies and meets the needs of companies at every stage, from startups to large organizations. Ann Arbor SPARK collaborates with business, academic, government and community investment partners to position the region as a destination for innovation.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine	Public
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### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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## Automation Alley

[www.automationalley.com](http://www.automationalley.com)

Troy, MI

DOM HOLMES - Manager, Entrepreneurship and Innovation

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Automation Alley is a technology business association and business accelerator dedicated to growing the economy of Southeast Michigan and enhancing the region's reputation around the world. Automation Alley offers talent and business development programs and services to tech-focused businesses of all sizes — from startups to large corporations — to help them grow and prosper.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine	Public
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### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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## Bamboo Detroit

[www.bamboodetroit.com](http://www.bamboodetroit.com)

Detroit, MI

[info@bamboodetroit.com](mailto:info@bamboodetroit.com), 313-288-2298

Bamboo Detroit is the largest co-working space for entrepreneurs in Detroit. It offers 24/7 access to shared offices downtown, conferences rooms, fiber Internet, coffee and tea, workshops and events, and a talented network of support for growing businesses.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine	Public
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### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## BBC Entrepreneurial Training & Consulting

[www.bbcetc.com](http://www.bbcetc.com)

Chelsea, MI

BONNIE DAWDY

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BBCetc manages the Michigan SBIR/STTR Assistance Program, which provides SBIR/STTR training and proposal development services to technology companies with most costs covered by the state. BBCetc is nationally recognized for its success in helping emerging companies win funding through the federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs and using those funds strategically to propel growth. Its Michigan clients have been awarded over \$205 million in funding since 2002.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine	Public
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### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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## Beaumont Research Institute

[www.beaumont.edu/choose-beaumont/research-and-innovation-at-beaumont-hospitals-in-michigan](http://www.beaumont.edu/choose-beaumont/research-and-innovation-at-beaumont-hospitals-in-michigan)

Royal Oak, MI

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Beaumont Health, a major healthcare system serving Michigan and beyond, recognizes the inherent value of research as a major contributing factor to future improvements in healthcare delivery and the health of its local and global communities. Beaumont Research Institute strengthens Beaumont's ability to conduct medical research and supports strong translational research in numerous areas, including Orthopedics, OB-GYN, Urology and Radiation Oncology. Beaumont Commercialization oversees the development, patenting and licensing of Beaumont technologies with the goal of bringing technology from idea to market and can also serve as a conduit to outside parties seeking collaborations with Beaumont researchers.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine	Public
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### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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## BioArbor

[www.michbio.org](http://www.michbio.org)

Ann Arbor, MI

SARAH MURCHISON - Chairperson

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BioArbor, an entirely volunteer-run organization, hosts educational networking events for the life sciences industry in the greater Ann Arbor area. BioArbor events explore technology commercialization (product, device, and service), financing strategies, business development, regulatory affairs, marketing, and other topics useful to life science entrepreneurs. Held six times per year, each event features a networking session, invited speaker(s), and a post-presentation Q&A period. Invited speakers from both the national and local ecosystem share experience on topics such as drug discovery and development, medical devices, diagnostics, and tools. BioArbor events are open to the public and are especially suited for those interested in starting or growing life science businesses.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine	Public
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### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## CMU Isabella Bank Institute for Entrepreneurship



[www.cmich.edu/colleges/cba/academic\\_programs/departments/ent/new\\_venture/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.cmich.edu/colleges/cba/academic_programs/departments/ent/new_venture/Pages/default.aspx)

Mount Pleasant, MI

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Central Michigan University Isabella Bank Institute for Entrepreneurship is a campus-wide early-stage entrepreneurship and innovation center that provides education, experiential learning, and support for student entrepreneurs to create and incubate business ideas and launch startup ventures. Support programs include workshops and events covering ideation/concept crafting, team building, customer discovery, business model generation, lean startup concepts, pitch competitions, investor presentations, and startup coaching by a pool of alumni and faculty mentors and advisors. Student teams are connected to resources and opportunities throughout the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the state of Michigan. Top teams earn seed funding to launch their business and have the chance to participate in a summer accelerator program.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine	Public
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### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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## CU Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship



[www.cleary.edu/cie](http://www.cleary.edu/cie)

Howell, MI

MARLO RENCHER, PH.D. - Vice President of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Diversity

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Cleary University's vision is a world in which everyone understands, experiences and benefits from innovation and entrepreneurship. As America's foremost business university in applications received, Cleary University will be the country's preferred partner for innovation and entrepreneurship education. The mission of the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Cleary University is to enrich the community of students, entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs, managers, corporations and small business owners in Southeastern Michigan through knowledge, skills, credentials, and resources that are accessible, innovative and experiential. Their resources include space, services, events, and education.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine	Public
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### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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## D-NewTech

[www.DNewTech.org](http://www.DNewTech.org)

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The D-NewTech (DNT) is an organization that provides resources and networking opportunities for the Detroit and Southeast Michigan startup community. DNT hosts monthly meetup events that encourage and highlight the entrepreneurship startups in the region. In addition, DNT collaborates with other organizations to provide meaningful events that support entrepreneurs, including Detroit Startup Week and Detroit Startup Weekend. They welcome members from any school, sector, or industry function (e.g. entrepreneurs, technologists, investors, lawyers, marketers, students, etc.) interested in local high-tech or non-tech startups. DNT started in 2010 and has over 1700 members. Their main event includes an inspirational guest speaker who has lived the entrepreneurship experience and is giving back, followed by four to five startup companies with five minutes to present and five minutes for Q&A, then open announcements and networking. The meetup takes place on the first Wednesday of each month.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

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### Types of Programs Offered:

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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## Dandelion

[www.dndln.org](http://www.dndln.org)

**Detroit, MI**

RACHELE J. DOWNS - Managing Director

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Dandelion is data, design, media and technology for the public and social sector. The organization helps government and nonprofit agencies redefine the way they engage community, activate underutilized assets and deliver services.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Detroit Creative Corridor Center

[www.detroitcreativecorridorcenter.com](http://www.detroitcreativecorridorcenter.com)

**Detroit, MI**

OLGA STELLA - Executive Director

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The Detroit Creative Corridor Center works to strengthen Detroit's creative economy by supporting the growth of creative businesses, raising awareness of the role of design in the economy, and advocating on behalf of it. It works with businesses across the Detroit region and focuses its impact on the city of Detroit.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County

[www.edascc.com](http://www.edascc.com)

**Port Huron, MI**

DAN CASEY - CEO

[dcasey@edascc.com](mailto:dcasey@edascc.com), 810-982-9511

The Economic Development Alliance (EDA) of St. Clair County is a regional nonprofit economic development agency that has served the Blue Water Area for over 60 years. The EDA is supported by public and private sector investors and works closely with community stakeholders and regional partners to stimulate the economy and drive job growth and investment. EDA attracts new industry to the county with a focus on the advanced manufacturing, automotive plastics, automation, logistics and transportation, and the Internet of Things related to global mobility and smart cities. EDA manages The Underground Incubator in the Port Huron SmartZone and the Eastern Michigan Manufacturing Association.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## Economic Growth Institute - University of Michigan



[www.economicgrowth.umich.edu/?page=home](http://www.economicgrowth.umich.edu/?page=home)

Ann Arbor, MI

STEVE WILSON - Associate Director

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The University of Michigan's Economic Growth Institute leverages the University of Michigan's expertise, research, technologies, and other resources to work with small and medium-sized enterprises to foster innovation and boost local, state, and national economies.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## EMU Office of Tech Transfer



[www.emich.edu/techtransfer](http://www.emich.edu/techtransfer)

Ypsilanti, MI

MELINDA MARION - Director of Technology Transfer

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At Eastern Michigan University (EMU), much of the research has the end goal of developing or improving a product with commercial potential. The Technology Transfer Office at EMU is responsible for business engagement and dissemination of University-developed technology into the marketplace, much of which has broad application in industry. Numerous opportunities for collaboration on research projects or with EMU I-Corps teams are available.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Endeavor Detroit



[www.endeavoredetroit.org](http://www.endeavoredetroit.org)

Detroit, MI

ANTONIO LÜCK - Managing Director

[antonio.luck@endeavor.org](mailto:antonio.luck@endeavor.org)

Endeavor Detroit provides Michigan-based entrepreneurs with a world-renowned suite of services and programs, along with access to an exclusive mentorship network to accelerate the growth of their companies. Benefits of selection to Endeavor Detroit include introductions through a network of more than 3,000 local and international business mentors along with access to capital, talent and international markets. Globally, Endeavor supports more than 1,400 entrepreneurs leading over 900 high-impact companies, which have created 650,000 jobs and generated over \$10 billion in revenue last year. Endeavor currently operates in 27 markets throughout Europe, Latin America, North America, Africa, Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## Entrepreneur Institute

[www.yourfoundationforbusiness.com](http://www.yourfoundationforbusiness.com)

Lansing, MI

[info@yourfoundationforbusiness.com](mailto:info@yourfoundationforbusiness.com), 517-853-5890

The Entrepreneur Institute of Mid-Michigan's provides small businesses and entrepreneurs with access to capital, business plan development training and networking opportunities. As an entrepreneurial resource for Ingham, Eaton, Clinton and Shiawassee Counties, the organization strives to economically strengthen the businesses, entrepreneurs and communities they serve.

### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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## Entrepreneurs' Organization Detroit

[www.eodetroit.com](http://www.eodetroit.com)

Royal Oak, MI

ANNA LONGE - Chapter Administrator

[admin@eodetroit.com](mailto:admin@eodetroit.com), 248-224-7362

Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) Detroit is a peer-to-peer network of the most driven and accomplished entrepreneurs in Southeast Michigan. They are a local chapter of The Entrepreneurs' Organization, which is comprised of over 150 chapters worldwide. Laser focused on creating, building and innovating, members fuel each others passions through killer learning & social events, meaningful experience shares, accountability partnerships and once in a lifetime experiences. With 105 members accounting for more than \$1.4 billion in revenue and more than 6,300 employees, EO Detroit is not a club, a networking group or a marketing "target" —it's a business, family, self and community game changer!

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Greater Fort Wayne Inc.

[www.greaterfortwayneinc.com](http://www.greaterfortwayneinc.com)

Fort Wayne, IN

ERIC DODEN - Chief Executive Officer

[edoden@greaterfortwayneinc.com](mailto:edoden@greaterfortwayneinc.com), 260-420-6945

Greater Fort Wayne (GFW) Inc. is the chamber of commerce and economic development organization for Fort Wayne & Allen County, Indiana, a regional market with \$30 billion in GDP and 1.4 million residents. It supports local business growth, which includes leveraging opportunities to connect them with national businesses. GFW Inc. is a champion for bold projects that improve its ability to grow jobs, wages, and the economy. GFW Inc. is advancing five visionary projects totaling over \$600 million: revitalization of a historic downtown GE campus, riverfront development, STEAM Park, revitalization of The Landing district, and a mid-sized event center downtown.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## Growth Capital Network

[www.growthcap.net](http://www.growthcap.net)

Ann Arbor, MI

LAUREN BIGELOW



[lauren@growthcap.net](mailto:lauren@growthcap.net), 888-996-4458

Growth Capital Network is an Ann Arbor and Detroit-based strategic management, research and evaluation consulting firm focused on economic development, healthcare, and philanthropic communities.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## GVSU Richard M. and Helen DeVos Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation



[www.gvsu.edu/cei](http://www.gvsu.edu/cei)

Allendale, MI

SHOROUQ ALMALLAH - Director

[almallas@gvsu.edu](mailto:almallas@gvsu.edu), 616-331-7256

The Richard M. and Helen DeVos Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation (CEI), in the Seidman College of Business at Grand Valley State University, is dedicated to developing best practices in entrepreneurship education and community engagement that enhance and impact the creation of new ventures and opportunities. Through a combination of courses, curriculum, peer-to-peer networking, competitions, and mentorship, CEI provides all students with an environment that fosters entrepreneurship and enhances entrepreneurial activities.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## HC Center for Leadership Entrepreneurial Program



[hope.edu/academic/leadership/index.htm](http://hope.edu/academic/leadership/index.htm)

Holland, MI

MARY ELLEN KETTELHUT - Director of Entrepreneurship

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Hope College Center for Leadership Entrepreneurial Program provides hands-on coursework, workshops and summer fellowships for students to create startups. Students from all majors are invited to explore entrepreneurship and join teams. From greeting cards and granola bars to video resume apps and underwater drones, the program is a hub for innovation where students are making a positive impact on communities across the world.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## Inforum

[www.inforummichigan.org/home](http://www.inforummichigan.org/home)

Detroit, MI

TEMBER D. SHEA - Director of inGAGE™

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Inforum is the only professional organization in Michigan — and one of a few in the country — that combines strategic connections, proven professional development programs, a respected forum for new ideas, and original research to accelerate careers for women and boost talent initiatives for companies. inGAGE is Inforum's strategy to position Michigan as the Midwest hub for high-tech, high-growth women entrepreneurs. The approach delivers programs to increase the number of women angel investors in Michigan, provides women access to its network of investors and advisors, guides women through the process of commercializing technology, and assists emerging second-stage companies to scale.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Innovation Institute at Henry Ford

[www.henryford.com/innovations](http://www.henryford.com/innovations)

Detroit, MI

TARYN SIMON - Administrative Director, HFHS Innovations

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The mission of Henry Ford Health System (HFHS) Innovations is to enhance patient care and HFHS' profile through research, training, and commercialization. HFHS Innovations leads product development opportunities emanating from both HFHS clinical operations and select private corporate partners on a global level. The Henry Ford Innovation Institute is the flagship of HFHS' commitment to innovation and serves as both a physical and virtual resource. It provides HFHS innovators access to an array of intellectual asset-related resources and programs that include technological opportunity assessment, design and engineering services, challenges and broad educational offerings in the realms of translational medicine and entrepreneurship.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Invent@NMU

[www.nmu.edu/invent](http://www.nmu.edu/invent)

Marquette, MI

PAULETTE PERTTUNEN - Professional Mentor

[invent@nmu.edu](mailto:invent@nmu.edu), 906-227-6253

Invent@NMU, based at Northern Michigan University, empowers students, inventors, entrepreneurs, and existing businesses across the state of Michigan. The program is a platform for anyone with a product idea to explore, define, develop and bring products to market. Invent@NMU concentrates on physical products that, when possible, can be sourced or manufactured in Michigan. It's the first place fledging inventors can go to find out if their ideas are worth pursuing, and if they are, find help to define a path forward.

### Industry Sectors Served:

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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS



## Lakeshore Advantage

[www.lakeshoreadvantage.com/entrepreneurs](http://www.lakeshoreadvantage.com/entrepreneurs)

**Zeeland, MI**

BROOKE CORBIN - Manager of Innovative Solutions

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Lakeshore Advantage is the nonprofit economic development organization serving Ottawa County in West Michigan. It provides a full range of economic development services for companies doing business in Ottawa County. Also, see the profile for Holland SmartZone.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Lansing Economic Area Partnership

[www.purelansing.com](http://www.purelansing.com)

**Lansing, MI**

TONY WILLIS - Director of New Economy Division

[tony@purelansing.com](mailto:tony@purelansing.com), 517-230-0342

The Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) is a coalition of area leaders committed to building a prosperous and vibrant region where businesses can thrive. To do this, LEAP helps entrepreneurs start new businesses, help existing businesses grow, and attract new businesses to the region.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Lenawee Now

[www.lenaweenow.org](http://www.lenaweenow.org)

**Adrian, MI**

TIM ROBINSON - Director of Operations

[tim@lenaweenow.org](mailto:tim@lenaweenow.org), 517-265-5141

Lenawee Now is a nonprofit organization dedicated to economic and business expansion throughout Lenawee County. By attracting new businesses, helping to grow established businesses, and supporting entrepreneurial endeavors in Lenawee, Lenawee Now is creating an economically viable and vibrant region. In addition to business attraction, retention and startup activities, Lenawee Now provides critical services to support business growth, including access to funding sources and talent enhancement.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## LSSU Product Development Center



[www.lssu.edu/eng/pdc](http://www.lssu.edu/eng/pdc)

Sault Ste Marie, MI

ERIC BECKS - Project Manager

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Lake Superior State University (LSSU) Product Development Center offers prototyping and engineering services, provided by students and managed by administrative professional staff with extensive industrial, manufacturing and entrepreneurial experience. LSSU engineering students get real world project experience, and clients benefit from economical engineering services. The related LSSU Business Development Center can provide business plan support, marketing, and other similar services.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## LTU Collaboratory



[www.ltucollaboratory.com](http://www.ltucollaboratory.com)

Southfield, MI

MARK BRUCKI - Executive Director Corporate and Community Partnerships

mbrucki@ltu.edu, 248-204-2310

The LTU Collaboratory is a hands-on, regional resource center at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield fostering business growth and economic vitality. They assist entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs and second-stage startups in growing and launching their ideas through education, resources, networking, mentoring and connection to funding sources, all in its state-of-the-art collaborative environment for innovation.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Macomb-Oakland University INCubator

[www.oakland.edu/macombouinc](http://www.oakland.edu/macombouinc)

Sterling Heights, MI

LARRY HERRIMAN - Executive Director

herriman@oakland.edu, 586-884-9332

The Macomb-Oakland University Incubator supports economic development in Southeast Michigan by accelerating high-tech businesses, cultivating academic innovation and encouraging research and development in the targeted industries of defense, homeland security, advanced manufacturing, and technology. Its mission is to provide comprehensive development and support services to startup and emerging businesses, support an entrepreneurial climate, commercialize new technologies, attract investment, and create new jobs. In addition, Mac-OU Inc manages the publicly-accessible, unclassified Velocity Hub of the Michigan Cyber Range (MCR), powered by the Merit Network, the first-of-its-kind, connected-to-an-incubator program targeted at startup companies in Michigan.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## MadDog Technology

[www.maddogtechnology.com](http://www.maddogtechnology.com)

Birmingham, MI

ROBERT CELL - Managing Director

[rcell@maddogtechnology.com](mailto:rcell@maddogtechnology.com), 248-686-0900

MadDog Technology is a venture operator and investor. In addition to investing, the company partners with venture capital firms and entrepreneurs to immediately complete the full team required to elevate each venture to expansion-round funding or the next level. MadDog Technology specializes in advanced technology and mobile device development.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Mi-Light

[www.mi-light.org](http://www.mi-light.org)

Ann Arbor, MI

MICHELLE L. STOCK, PH.D. - Chairperson

[chair@mi-light.org](mailto:chair@mi-light.org), 734-417-1079

Mi-Light is a nonprofit trade association that serves as the focal point for the photonics industry in Michigan, bringing together professionals from companies, academia and organizations who are dedicated to mutually supporting, promoting and growing Michigan's photonics industry. Mi-Light's mission is to promote and grow Michigan's internationally-recognized talent pool and leverage strong industrial and academic capabilities in order to expand the photonics industry, attract funding and stimulate innovation in the state.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Michigan Association for Female Entrepreneurs

[www.mafedetroit.org](http://www.mafedetroit.org)

Detroit, MI

TONYA MCNEAL-WEARY - Founder

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Michigan Association for Female Entrepreneurs (MAFE) is a nonprofit, membership-based organization committed to supporting and promoting the economic growth and advancement of women business owners in Michigan. MAFE provides opportunities for female entrepreneurs, in both new development and growth-stages of their businesses to build their entrepreneurial capacity through educational programs focused on sustainable business growth and development. MAFE gives women entrepreneurs the opportunity to expand their influence and increase their visibility by providing a forum where business women can unite, network, and leverage best practices.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine	Public
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### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## Michigan Biosciences Industry Association

[www.michbio.org](http://www.michbio.org)

Ann Arbor, MI

STEPHEN RAPUNDALO, PHD - President & CEO

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MichBio is the statewide biosciences industry association in Michigan. It represents the interests of over 1,700 companies, organizations and institutions across the agri-/industrial biotech, medical devices and equipment, pharmaceuticals and therapeutics, research and testing, and distribution/logistics sectors. MichBio offers its members various resources and programs, educational and networking events, business-to-business connections, marketing and promotion, information and business intelligence, talent recruitment and retention support, and advocacy on public policy. Its mission of "driving bio-industry growth" is meant to create strong economic benefits statewide and ensure that Michigan is a global leader in biosciences research, development, and manufacturing.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

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## Michigan Business Innovation Association

[www.michiganincubation.org](http://www.michiganincubation.org)

Kalamazoo, MI

SANDRA COCHRANE - President

[michigan.incubation@gmail.com](mailto:michigan.incubation@gmail.com), 268-353-1823

Michigan Business Innovation Association (MBIA) is comprised of the state's best business incubators, accelerators, co-working spaces, maker spaces, economic development partners, and entrepreneurial support professionals who are focused on creating jobs and developing Michigan's local economies. The MBIA provides a supportive entrepreneurial environment that stimulates the growth of businesses to ensure economic vitality and encourage job creation.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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## Michigan Economic Development Corporation

[www.michiganbusiness.org](http://www.michiganbusiness.org)

Lansing, MI

FRED MOLNAR - Vice President, Entrepreneurism

[molnarf@michigan.org](mailto:molnarf@michigan.org), 734-233-3975

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) is the state's marketing arm and lead advocate for business development, talent and jobs, tourism, film and digital media, arts and cultural grants, and overall economic growth. The MEDC offers a number of business assistance services and capital programs for business attraction and acceleration, talent enhancement, and urban and community development.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## Michigan Life Science & Innovation Center

[www.mlsic.com](http://www.mlsic.com)

Plymouth, MI

FRED MOLNAR - Vice President, Entrepreneurism, MEDC

[molnarf@michigan.org](mailto:molnarf@michigan.org), 734-233-3975

Southeastern Michigan's premier wet lab incubator and innovation center, the Michigan Life Science & Innovation Center is a 70,000 square foot life science incubator complete with state-of-the-art wet labs, a 13-bed Phase 1 Clinical Trial facility, well-appointed offices and conference rooms, ample parking, and every possible business amenity. Tenants include very early-stage startups through growth-stage companies; life science leaders provide plenty of opportunities for mentoring, networking and expertise sharing.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Michigan Research Institute

Ann Arbor, MI

JAMES RICHTER

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The Michigan Research Institute provides wet lab and office space in addition to services for startups and growing biotech companies.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Michigan Small Business Development Center

[sbdcmichigan.org/find-us](http://sbdcmichigan.org/find-us)

Statewide

KEITH BROPHY - State Director

[brophyke@gvsu.edu](mailto:brophyke@gvsu.edu), 616-331-7480

### Contact the SBDC that is nearest to your location:

Ann Arbor  
Detroit  
Escanaba

Flint  
Grand Rapids  
Kalamazoo

Lansing  
Mt. Pleasant  
Onaway

Traverse City  
University Center

The Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC) enhances Michigan's economic well-being by providing counseling, financial prep, training, secondary market research, and technology commercialization services to new and existing small businesses and advanced technology companies. With 11 offices statewide, the SBDC positively impacts the economy by strengthening existing companies, creating new jobs, retaining existing jobs, and assisting companies in defining their paths to success. The SBDC also administers Michigan's Business Accelerator Fund and Emerging Technology Fund.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

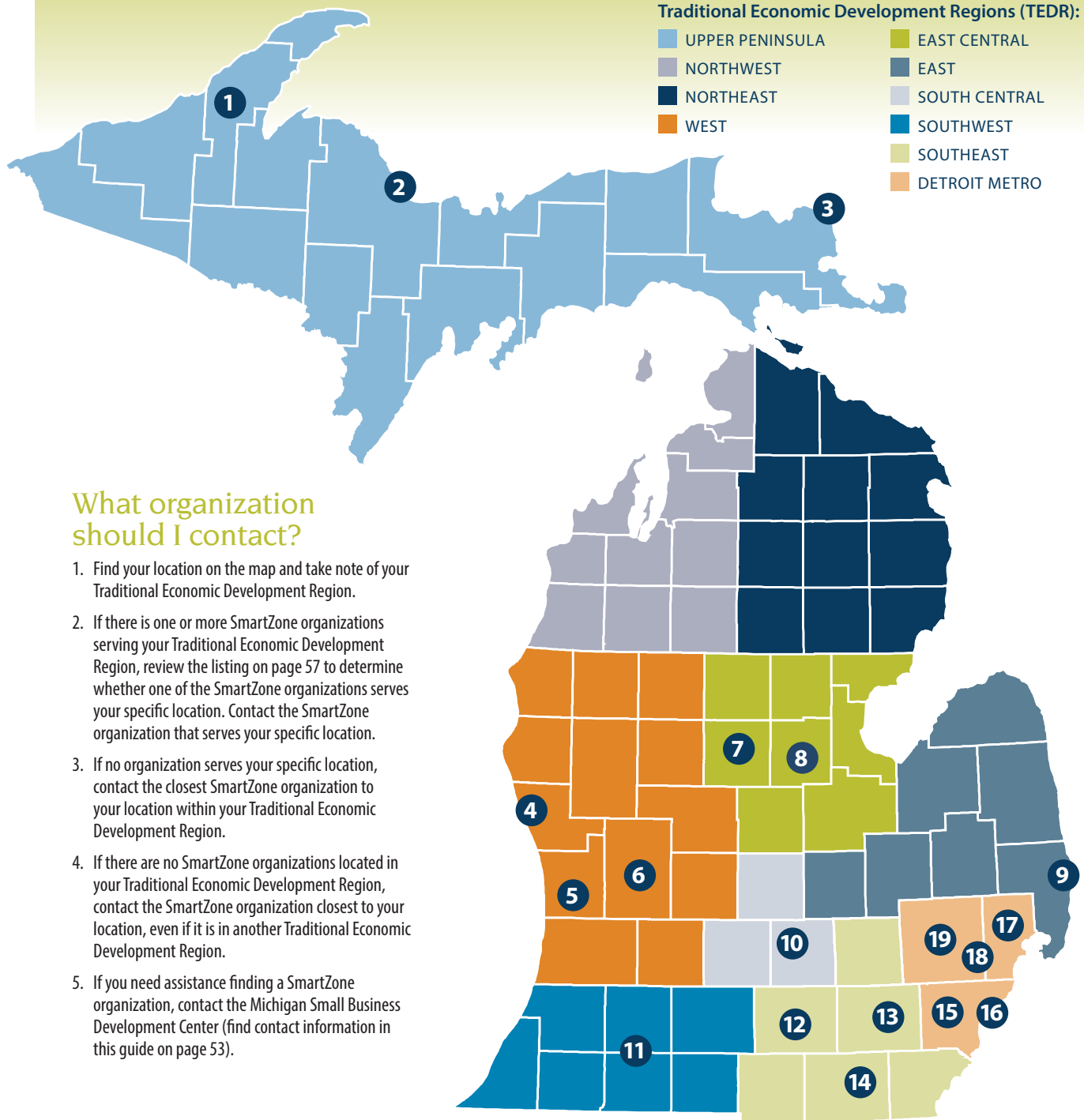
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# smart ZONES

Michigan SmartZones are regions designated by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Organizations within each SmartZone promote resource collaborations between universities, industry, research organizations, government and other community institutions in that region. SmartZone organizations connect individuals to local resources in their area, from employment, investment, expansion and networking opportunities to general information about their region.



# SmartZone Organizations

- 1 MTEC SmartZone**  
Serves Houghton County and the greater Upper Peninsula TEDR  
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MARILYN CLARK – CEO  
mclark@mtecsz.com, 906-487-7000
- 2 Innovate Marquette SmartZone**  
Serves City of Marquette and the greater Upper Peninsula TEDR  
**www.innovatemarquette.org**  
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- 3 Sault Ste. Marie SmartZone**  
Serves City of Sault Ste. Marie and the greater Upper Peninsula TEDR  
**www.ssmartzone.com**  
ERIC BECKS – President & CEO  
ebeck@ssmartzone.com, 906-632-8400
- 4 Muskegon Innovation Hub**  
Serves City of Muskegon, Lake Michigan Shoreline and the greater West TEDR  
**www.gvsu.edu/mihub**  
KEVIN RICCO – Director  
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- 5 Surge Powered by Lakeshore Advantage**  
Serves City of Holland, Holland Charter Township and the greater West TEDR  
**www.cityofholland.com/citymanager/holland-smartzone**  
BROOKE CORBIN – Manager of Innovation Solutions  
Brooke.corbin@lakeshoreadvantage.com, 269-806-3124
- 6 Grand Rapids SmartZone**  
Serves City of Grand Rapids and the greater West TEDR  
**www.startgarden.com**  
ROB FOWLER - Treasurer  
rob.fowler@sbam.org, 517-483-8210
- 7 Central Michigan University Research Corporation**  
Serves City of Mount Pleasant, Isabella, Gratiot, Clare, Saginaw & Bay Counties and the greater East Central TEDR  
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- 8 Midland Tomorrow**  
Serves City of Midland and the greater East Central TEDR  
**www.midlandtomorrow.org**  
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- 9 Port Huron SmartZone**  
Serves City of Port Huron Industrial Park, St. Clair Community College Campus and the greater East TEDR  
**www.startunderground.com**  
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dcasey@edascc.com, 810-982-9511
- 10 Lansing Regional SmartZone**  
Serves City of East Lansing, City of Lansing and the greater South Central TEDR  
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- 11 Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine Innovation Center**  
Serves Cities across Southwest Michigan Region and the greater Southwest TEDR  
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- 12 Jackson Technology Park SmartZone**  
Serves Jackson County and the greater Southeast TEDR  
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- 13 Ann Arbor SPARK**  
Serves City of Ann Arbor, City of Ypsilanti and the greater Southeast TEDR  
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- 14 Adrian-Tecumseh SmartZone**  
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- 15 Pinnacle Aeropark**  
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- 16 Woodward Technology Corridor SmartZone**  
Serves City of Detroit and the greater Detroit Metro TEDR  
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- 17 Macomb-Oakland University INCubator**  
Serves Macomb County and the greater Detroit Metro TEDR  
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- 18 Automation Alley**  
Serves Genesee, St. Clair, Livingston, Oakland, Macomb, Wayne, Washtenaw & Monroe Counties and the greater Detroit Metro TEDR  
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- 19 OU INC**  
Serves City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County and the greater Detroit Metro TEDR  
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## Michigan Venture Capital Association

[www.michiganvca.org](http://www.michiganvca.org)

Ann Arbor, MI

MAUREEN MILLER BROSANAN - Executive Director

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Michigan Venture Capital Association (MVCA) is a nonprofit trade organization designed to increase the amount of capital and talent available to venture and angel investors for the funding of Michigan's most innovative entrepreneurs, as well as to work closely with them to transform breakthrough ideas into new companies and industries that drive Michigan job creation and economic growth. MVCA membership includes private and corporate venture capital funds, angel investors, universities and economic development participants, and service providers. More than 400 individuals are members of MVCA, representing over 100 organizations across the nation.

### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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## Michigan Women's Foundation

[www.miwf.org/programs/entrepreneurs](http://www.miwf.org/programs/entrepreneurs)

Detroit, MI

CAROLYN CASSIN - President and CEO

[ccassin@miwf.org](mailto:ccassin@miwf.org), 313-962-1920

Michigan Women's Foundation (MWF) works to eliminate the barriers to economic and social equality by developing a scalable model across Michigan that provides access to capital and a strong entrepreneurial ecosystem for women starting and growing businesses with the goal of preparing them to qualify for traditional funding sources. MWF is helping women achieve economic and social equality by providing access to entrepreneurial training, capital and resources to start or grow their businesses.

### Company Stages Served:

Idea/ Pre-Seed	Seed	Startup/Early	Growth/Expansion	Mezzanine	Public
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### Types of Programs Offered:

Incubation	Business Acceleration	Talent Attraction/Retention	Networking/Events	Talent Development	Capital	Business Retention/Expansion/Attraction	Other
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## Midland Tomorrow

[www.midlandtomorrow.org](http://www.midlandtomorrow.org)

Midland, MI

CHRIS MOULTRUP - Innovation Center Director

[moultrup@midlandtomorrow.org](mailto:moultrup@midlandtomorrow.org), 989-839-2333

Midland Tomorrow is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) founded in 1963 as the Midland Economic Development Corporation. The organization's mission has always been to enhance the quality of life in the County of Midland, Michigan, and its municipalities through the retention and creation of quality jobs and diversification of the economic base.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## MiQuest

[www.miquest.org](http://www.miquest.org)

Lansing, MI

ROB FOWLER - Treasurer

[rob.fowler@sbam.org](mailto:rob.fowler@sbam.org), 517-483-8210

MiQuest collaborates with business development, economic development and membership organizations across the state to introduce growth-stage companies from all industries to support resources, opportunities for CEO peer networking and learning, and increased media exposure. By supporting and promoting programs, events, and competitions such as Michigan 50 Companies to Watch, CEO Growth Symposiums, and Michigan Growth Capital Symposium, MiQuest connects entrepreneurs to relevant and timely resources. MiQuest researches and publishes the annual Michigan Entrepreneurship Score Card, which has benchmarked metrics across 50 states and has provided a measure of Michigan's entrepreneurial vitality, climate, and change over the past 12 years.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Mobile Technology Association of Michigan

[www.gomobilemichigan.org](http://www.gomobilemichigan.org)

Detroit, MI

MICHAEL WATZA

[info@GoMobileMichigan.org](mailto:info@GoMobileMichigan.org), 248-470-3257

The Mobile Technology Association of Michigan (MTAM) is a nonprofit trade association for Michigan's mobile/wireless (connected) technologies industry, businesses that provide these technologies, and the businesses - in all industries - that use these technologies. They are the first state-based mobile/wireless (connected) technologies trade association in the United States and are focused on increasing demand for Michigan-based mobile/wireless technology products and services within the state, nationally and globally, thereby generating increased entrepreneurial and enterprise-level opportunities and creating sustainable jobs in Michigan. MTAM sponsors Michigan-based growth of the Mobile Monday organization which, to date, boasts 3000+ members in chapters located in Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids and Lansing; performs research for members and other interested parties; facilitates idea sharing, entrepreneurial programs, training programs and jobs creation; acts as a liaison with the mobile/wireless tech community inside/outside of Michigan; and serves as a resource for all things related to mobile/wireless (connected) technologies.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## MSU Conquer Accelerator

[www.conqueraccelerator.com](http://www.conqueraccelerator.com)

East Lansing, MI

PAUL JAQUES - Director of Student & Community Engagement

[pjaques@spartaninnovations.org](mailto:pjaques@spartaninnovations.org), 517-256-9285

Designed to help both newer and established companies overcome business hurdles, the Conquer Accelerator emphasizes smart planning and growth. Built with a strong bench of more than 40 entrepreneur and business leader mentors, each of the ten weeks in the Conquer program focuses on completing specific goals, as well as working with mentors and instructors on topics like fundraising, technology, and sustainability. The Conquer Accelerator is a collaborative effort between Michigan State University, the MSU Foundation, Spartan Innovations and MSU Federal Credit Union.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## MSU Entrepreneurship Association



[www.msuea.org](http://www.msuea.org)

DEAN MIESNER - President

[dmiesner7@gmail.com](mailto:dmiesner7@gmail.com), 248-331-7738

Michigan State University Entrepreneurship Association is a registered student organization open to all majors who are passionate about creating solutions to real world problems. Services and resources offered include monthly meetings to share and collaborate on ideas, networking with peers, talks with industry professionals, road trips involving business competitions, conferences, and more. This is a great organization to meet like-minded motivated individuals. Membership is open to all.

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Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## MSU Financial Markets Institute



[www.finance.broad.msu.edu/fmi](http://www.finance.broad.msu.edu/fmi)

East Lansing, MI

HELEN DASHNEY - Director

[dashneyh@broad.msu.edu](mailto:dashneyh@broad.msu.edu), 517-353-0784

The Financial Markets Institute at Michigan State University provides comprehensive training to a select group of highly motivated finance and accounting students at the Broad College of Business. Admission to the institute is based on each individual's academic success, informed desire to pursue a career in the financial services industry, and demonstrated potential to achieve established goals.

### Types of Programs Offered:

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## MSU Innovation Center & Business Connect



[www.innovationcenter.msu.edu](http://www.innovationcenter.msu.edu)

East Lansing, MI

CHARLES A. HASEMANN - Assistant VP for Innovation & Economic Development

[haseman1@msu.edu](mailto:haseman1@msu.edu), 517-884-2370

Michigan State University (MSU) Innovation Center creates economic value for Michigan from MSU's intellectual assets through partnering with Michigan companies in R&D, capturing MSU innovations and licensing them for commercial use at existing companies, and starting new companies based on MSU intellectual property and/or MSU student innovations. MSU Innovation Center is a hub for faculty and student experiential learning and creating new startups in Michigan.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS



## MSU Technologies

[www.technologies.msu.edu](http://www.technologies.msu.edu)

East Lansing, MI

RICH CHYLLA - Executive Director

[rchylla@msu.edu](mailto:rchylla@msu.edu)

MSU Technologies (MSUT) is Michigan State University's technology transfer and commercialization office. MSUT facilitates the commercial development and public use of technologies and copyrightable materials developed by MSU faculty and staff. Housed within the MSU Innovation Center, MSUT moves MSU's technologies from the lab to the marketplace to improve lives and communities locally, regionally, and around the world.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

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## MTRAC Innovaton Hub for Advanced Materials

[www.mtu.edu/research/administration/iie/campus-inventors/mtrac](http://www.mtu.edu/research/administration/iie/campus-inventors/mtrac)

Houghton, MI

JOHN DIEBEL - Assistant Director for Technology Commercialization, Innovation and Industry Engagement [jfdiebel@mtu.edu](mailto:jfdiebel@mtu.edu), 906-487-2228

The MTRAC Innovation Hub for Advanced Materials at Michigan Tech University is a grant program supported by Michigan Tech University and the State of Michigan with the goal of offering gap funding for proof-of-concept, prototype development and other activities appropriate for early-stage technologies. Milestones are designed to create opportunities for significant outside funding or licensing. Institutions of higher education, nonprofit research centers, and hospital systems throughout the State of Michigan are eligible to submit proposals.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## MTRAC Innovaton Hub for Agbio

[www.innovationcenter.msu.edu/programs/msu-mtrac-program](http://www.innovationcenter.msu.edu/programs/msu-mtrac-program)

East Lansing, MI

KAREN STUDER-RABELER - Commercialization Program Director

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The MTRAC Innovation Hub for AgBio at Michigan State University is a program supported by Michigan State University and the State of Michigan that provides funding, support, and guidance to facilitate the development of agricultural-related technologies from the laboratory benchtop to the point where they can be successfully commercialized via a licensee to a startup or existing company. Researchers from institutions of higher education, nonprofit research centers, and hospital systems throughout Michigan are eligible to submit proposals.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Types of Programs Offered:

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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## MTRAC Innovaton Hub for BioMedical

[www.research.wayne.edu/techtransfer/index.php](http://www.research.wayne.edu/techtransfer/index.php)

Detroit, MI

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The MTRAC Innovation Hub for BioMedical at Wayne State University is a grant program supported by Wayne State University and the State of Michigan with the goal of providing resources to support translational Wayne State research with high commercial potential. The program includes research funding for proof-of-concept and late-stage translational studies, regulatory guidance, business plan development and mentorship from industry and investment experts outside the University. The MTRAC funding focuses on medical devices (including diagnostics), biomaterials (e.g., drug delivery technologies, imaging agents) and healthcare information technology. Institutions of higher education, nonprofit research centers, and hospital systems throughout the State of Michigan are eligible to submit proposals.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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### Company Stages Served:

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## MTRAC Innovaton Hub for Life Sciences

[www.innovation.medicine.umich.edu/innovation-hub](http://www.innovation.medicine.umich.edu/innovation-hub)

Ann Arbor, MI

BRADLEY MARTIN - Sr. Director of Commercialization Programs

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The MTRAC Innovation Hub for Life Sciences at the University of Michigan is a grant program supported by the University of Michigan and the State of Michigan with the goal of providing mid-stage, translational research funding and resources to identify, nurture, and “fast forward” projects with a high potential for commercial success. Projects funded by MTRAC enhance the internal innovation pipeline for long-term success in commercialization. And while invention reports and IP licensing are important milestones for MTRAC projects, positive impacts to human health – as well as job creation – are the ultimate measures of success. Institutions of higher education, nonprofit research centers, and hospital systems throughout the State of Michigan are eligible to submit proposals.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## MTRAC Innovaton Hub for Transportation

[www.cfe.umich.edu/mtrac-transportation](http://www.cfe.umich.edu/mtrac-transportation)

Ann Arbor, MI

ERIC PETERSEN - Commercialization Program Director

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The MTRAC Innovation Hub for Transportation at University of Michigan is a grant program supported by University of Michigan and the State of Michigan with the goal of offering gap funding for translational research applications in advanced transportation materials, robotics and autonomy, sensors, electric vehicle drivetrain/propulsion, software/controls/data, and advanced manufacturing processes. The mission of this program is to advance transportation technologies that address poorly met market needs. Since 2013, U-M housed the MTRAC Advanced Transportation program and accelerated the commercial development of mobility projects. Institutions of higher education, nonprofit research centers, and hospital systems throughout the State of Michigan are eligible to submit proposals.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## MTU Innovation Center for Entrepreneurship



[www.mtu.edu/honors/ice](http://www.mtu.edu/honors/ice)

Houghton, MI

JIM BAKER - Co-Director

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The Michigan Tech University Innovation Center for Entrepreneurship is a campus-based early-stage innovation and entrepreneurship center, which provides services and events in support of early-stage entrepreneurs, innovators, and companies. Support programs include I-Corps and other training activities, pitch competition support, networking events, access to mentors, and general startup counseling. Programs are targeted at students and researchers at Michigan Tech but are open to the public and conducted in close collaboration with community-based partners including the Small Business Development Center, MTEC SmartZone, and Innovate Marquette.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## MTU Office of Innovation and Industry Engagement



[www.mtu.edu/research/administration/iie](http://www.mtu.edu/research/administration/iie)

Houghton, MI

MIKE MORLEY - Assistant Director of Technology Commercialization

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The Michigan Tech University Office of Innovation and Industry Engagement (IIE) works closely with startups and established companies to identify commercial needs and match them with research discoveries, technologies, and faculty expertise that can help overcome technical challenges or present new market opportunities. IIE can act as a single point of entry to craft a relationship which maximizes the value of research and technology development investment from its partners.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## New Economy Initiative

[www.neweconomyinitiative.org](http://www.neweconomyinitiative.org)

Detroit, MI

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The New Economy Initiative (NEI) is the largest philanthropy-led economic development initiative in the U.S. working to build a regional network of support for entrepreneurs and small businesses. NEI makes grants (over \$150 million since 2008) to entrepreneurial service providers that are helping all types of businesses grow and thrive in metro Detroit. Equity and Inclusion are guiding principles of NEI's investments.

A special project of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, NEI is supported by 13 national and local foundations.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## New Enterprise Forum

[www.newenterpriseforum.org](http://www.newenterpriseforum.org)

Ann Arbor, MI

STEFAN SYSKO

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The New Enterprise Forum (NEF) is an all-volunteer organization of experienced service providers, entrepreneurs, and executives. The organization provides coaching at no cost to startup entrepreneurs to perfect their investor pitches. They critique and provide insights on the pitch's content, including both business and investor perspectives, to help the team succeed. The organization also helps companies connect with local and regional investors as well as other resources. Startups have the opportunity to present their pitches to the entrepreneurial community at one of NEF's monthly Forum meetings, with follow-on distribution of their executive summaries to NEF's curated list of investors.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## NextEnergy

[www.nextenergy.org](http://www.nextenergy.org)

Detroit, MI

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Founded in 2002 as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, NextEnergy is an innovation center accelerating advanced energy, mobility, and built environment technologies to enable smarter and more sustainable cities. Since its inception, NextEnergy has worked with more than 400 companies, universities, federal agencies, and philanthropic organizations to drive more than \$1.5 billion in advanced energy and mobility technology investments.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## NSF International Applied Research Center

[www.nsf.org](http://www.nsf.org)

Ann Arbor, MI

JESSE D. MILLER - Director

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The NSF Applied Research Center (ARC) is NSF International's research and development arm, providing custom R&D services to academia, industry, and government. Services include proof-of-concept testing, method development, product validation/commercialization, next generation sequencing, clinical health services, toxicology, and risk assessment. The ARC furthers NSF's mission of public health and safety by supporting scientific innovation and leadership. The ARC forms strategic partnerships with academia (researchers and tech transfer centers), industry (startups through Fortune 500 companies) and regulatory bodies for research and development to promote innovative public health solutions in the food, water, healthcare, sustainable products and consumer goods sectors.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS



## Oakland County Medical Main Street and Tech248

[www.medicalmainstreet.com](http://www.medicalmainstreet.com) & [www.tech248.com](http://www.tech248.com)

Waterford Township, MI

GREG DOYLE - Manager of Oakland County Business Center

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Oakland County provides workforce development assistance, site location assistance, local and state incentive coordination, debt funding packaging, SBA 504 loan funding, and expat services. Oakland County initiatives Medical Main Street and Tech248 directly engage the health/life sciences and IT sectors by hosting networking events, supporting the success of businesses in Oakland County, and offering fresh ideas regarding talent attraction solutions.

### Industry Sectors Served:

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## Oakland County One Stop Shop Business Center

[www.oakgov.com/edca/business/OneStopShop/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.oakgov.com/edca/business/OneStopShop/Pages/default.aspx)

Waterford, MI

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The Oakland County One Stop Shop Business Center provides education, one-on-one consulting, and connections to Oakland County-based small businesses. The team has over 70 years of experience working with small businesses and specializes in helping companies grow. Through advanced marketing, financial, and management tools, clients get critical information to help them make better decisions about their businesses, secure capital, expand into new markets, find talent, improve processes, and grow profit.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## OU INC

[www.oakland.edu/ouinc](http://www.oakland.edu/ouinc)

Rochester, MI

STEPHEN KENT - Client Specialist

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OU INC is a state-designated SmartZone business incubator and technology accelerator. OU INC's mission is to advance the economic strength of the region by transforming industry and university innovations into commercial successes. Its vision is to be recognized as an integral contributor to Southeast Michigan's success as a global hub of high-tech companies led by the best and brightest minds.

### Industry Sectors Served:

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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## Ponyride

[www.ponyride.org](http://www.ponyride.org)

Detroit, MI

NOAH ELLIOTT MORRISON - Director

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Operating from its 33,000 square foot building in Corktown, Ponyride is a catalyst for deploying social capital to a diverse group of artists, creative entrepreneurs, and makers who are committed to working together to make communities in Detroit sustainable.

### Company Stages Served:

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## re:purpose

[repurpose.co](http://repurpose.co)

RYAN LANDAU - Founder

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re:purpose is a curated marketplace that matches highly curated talent with startup companies. The company leverages their placement algorithm and curation team to make matches. They are the only company in the world that matches based on culture. Yes, they'll match based on role and compensation, too. But that's the easy stuff! The company wants everyone to be able to pursue their passions and be a part of something greater than themselves.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Sault Ste. Marie Advanced Resources & Technology, Inc.

[www.ssmartzone.com](http://www.ssmartzone.com)

Sault Ste Marie, MI

ERIC BECKS - President/CEO

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SSMart is a Michigan SmartZone located in Sault Ste. Marie, which provides support to technology-based companies in collaboration with MEDC strategic service providers, MI-SBDC, and local and regional economic development agencies.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## Seamless IoT

[www.seamlessiot.com](http://www.seamlessiot.com)

Grand Rapids, MI

MIKE MORIN - Director

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Seamless is a global commercialization program, pairing startups with large enterprises to bring smart, connected things to market. This first-of-its-kind collaboration merges the best from startup culture and enterprise expertise.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Southeast Michigan Entrepreneurs Association

[www.semea.org](http://www.semea.org)

Southfield, MI

ZALONYA ALLEN, PHD - Executive Director

[administrator@semea.info](mailto:administrator@semea.info), 248-491-3146

The South East Michigan Entrepreneurs Association (SEMEA) is the #1 organization for entrepreneurs in the state of Michigan. SEMEA was established in December 2010 as a networking and support group for entrepreneurs and small business owners. Since that time, they have built a network of over 5,000 entrepreneurs statewide. The organization began out of a need to organize entrepreneurs so that they could exchange resources and reduce the fail rate. SEMEA provides information, education, and resources not only to increase chances for success but to accelerate growth. Monthly meetings and events give members an opportunity to network, forge new relationships and get connected! Mastermind groups help entrepreneurs develop the "Entrepreneurs Mindset." The association is unlike any other. SEMEA is consistent, professional and committed to excellence. They're focused on providing the best networking experience in Southeast Michigan. Come out and experience the difference!

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Southwest Michigan First

[www.southwestmichiganfirst.com](http://www.southwestmichiganfirst.com)

Kalamazoo, MI

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Southwest Michigan First is an organization of privately funded economic development advisors who act as the catalyst for economic success in Southwest Michigan. Founded in 1999 on the principle that the most powerful force for change is a well-paying job, the organization works across all industries throughout the seven counties making up the Southwest Michigan Region. Looking to expand, locate or start something new? Southwest Michigan First's people and services are focused on connecting community capital to respond to its customers' needs, wants and desires to generate meaningful results. Community driven, Southwest Michigan First is committed to company growth, government and education alignment, acceleration of its vibrant core communities, talent development and communication of its regional advantages.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## Spartan Innovations

[www.spartaninnovations.org](http://www.spartaninnovations.org)

East Lansing, MI



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Spartan Innovations is a venture development organization dedicated to turning inventions created at Michigan State University into successful businesses. Programs include Conquer Accelerator, Entrepreneurs-in-Residence, Greenlight Business Model Competition, The Hatch, The Hatch Dev Shop, Mentors, Sparta Hack, Venture Fellows, and many more.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## Start Garden

[www.startgarden.com](http://www.startgarden.com)

Grand Rapids, MI

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Start Garden originated in 2012 to fund fast growing startups at their very earliest stages. Now, it operates as three different entities. Wakestream Ventures focuses on early-stage investing in the Internet of Things (IoT) space. Start Garden Foundation is a 501c3 to make entrepreneurship more accessible for everyone in West Michigan. Lastly, Start Garden is a management company administering the Grand Rapids SmartZone and running the Seamless program that bridges new IoT startups to regional enterprises.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## TC New Tech

[www.tcnewtech.org](http://www.tcnewtech.org)

Traverse City, MI

RUSSELL SCHINDLER - President

[schindler@sampleserve.com](mailto:schindler@sampleserve.com), 231-218-7955

TC New Tech's event is free and open to the public. From Traverse City to Alpena, Sault Ste. Marie to Grand Rapids — all are welcome! Up to five presenters each month will take the stage to highlight their new tech products or business ventures. Each presenter will be allowed five minutes to present and five minutes of Q&A (time limits will be politely enforced). Between presenters, the audience is allowed to make brief announcements for things such as job openings, persons seeking employment, and other events happening in the area related to technology. An optional informal social hour is after the meeting for further discussion and networking. The audience is typically made up of technology-minded people and consists mostly of programmers, IT staff, people looking for opportunities for their tech companies, tech companies looking for staff, individuals looking for an investment opportunity, startup founders looking for investors, and tech geeks that like learning about new offerings. Meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm and will last no longer than 75 minutes. . . guaranteed! The presenter line-up is announced one week before the meetup. The goal of the meetings is to facilitate networking and interaction among technology enthusiasts in northern Michigan.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS



## Techstars Mobility

[www.techstars.com/programs/mobility-program](http://www.techstars.com/programs/mobility-program)

Detroit, MI

LISA SEYMOUR - Program Manager

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Techstars Mobility invests in startups building technologies and innovative business models that impact how people and goods move across all modes of transportation (including pedestrian). Dominant mobility themes include autonomous, connected, shared, and electric. This program encompasses a wide range of industries including automotive, trucking, transportation, smart city, energy, logistics, supply chain, and travel. Techstars Mobility runs in downtown Detroit.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## TechTown Detroit

[www.techtowndetroit.org](http://www.techtowndetroit.org)

Detroit, MI

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TechTown is Detroit's most established business accelerator and incubator. At TechTown Detroit, powerful connections are made to a broad network of resources, catalyzing entire communities of entrepreneurs best poised to energize the local economy. Through both tech-based and place-based entrepreneurship support programs and technical assistance, TechTown Detroit strives to deliver both economic and community development strategies that bolster the local and state-based economies.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## The A2 Startup Garage

[www.a2startupgarage.com](http://www.a2startupgarage.com)

Ann Arbor, MI

CAROL SHERIDAN - Menlo Innovations Factory Floor Manager

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The A2 Startup Garage is a coworking space in downtown Ann Arbor dedicated to helping early-stage startups make an impact.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## The Enterprise Group of Jackson, Inc

[www.enterprisegroup.org](http://www.enterprisegroup.org)

Jackson, MI

AMY L. TORRES - Vice President of Economic Development

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The Enterprise Group of Jackson, Inc. (EG) was established in 1997 to lead business recruitment and retention in Jackson County. The EG is a nonprofit private/public partnership organized to promote and coordinate economic development initiatives and create wealth within Jackson County.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## The Right Place

[www.rightplace.org](http://www.rightplace.org)

Grand Rapids, MI

BIRGIT KLOHS - President & CEO

[klohsb@rightplace.org](mailto:klohsb@rightplace.org), 616-771-0325

The Right Place is a primary source for business success in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is a private, nonprofit economic development organization that has led West Michigan's economic growth for over 30 years. It provides business growth assistance to both local and international companies, including site location services, connections to regional supply chain and service providers, regional business tours, consultation on state and local business incentives, and more.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## The Starting Block

[www.startingblock.biz](http://www.startingblock.biz)

Hart, MI

JANE DOSEMAGEN - Director

[tsbi4@frontier.com](mailto:tsbi4@frontier.com), 231-873-1432

Since 2006, The Starting Block has served as West Michigan's nonprofit regional kitchen incubator and entrepreneurial center. As a shared-use facility, it helps entrepreneurs start their food-related businesses at reasonable rentals without the initial investment in costly facilities and equipment. The Starting Block offers low-cost kitchen rental, refrigerated, frozen, and dry storage, warehouse space, and office rental. From product development to marketing and outreach, it provides the assistance and support to help people achieve their business dreams. The Starting Block offers a fully-equipped licensed, commercial kitchen as well as two additional commercial, licensed kitchens for specialty and small-scale production, including a USDA-inspected meat processing facility and a dairy production facility with a pasteurizer. The USDA-inspected meat processing incubator facility is the only one in the state, and one of few in the country. Certified staff in food handling and equipment operation are available for assistance and training. The Starting Block kitchens and meat facility are available for use 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## UM Center for Entrepreneurship

[www.cfe.umich.edu](http://www.cfe.umich.edu)

Ann Arbor, MI

JONATHAN FAY - Interim Executive Director

734-763-1021

The mission of the Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) is to inspire and transform the University of Michigan community into entrepreneurial thinkers and doers. The CFE provides active learning experiences to all students and faculty at the university through classes and programs that are designed to teach the skills needed to translate high-potential projects and ideas into the world successfully. In learning these skills, individuals become better prepared to identify and act on opportunities to solve problems in any organization or entrepreneurial endeavor.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## UM Desai Accelerator

[www.desaiaccelerator.umich.edu](http://www.desaiaccelerator.umich.edu)

Ann Arbor, MI

ANGELA KUJAVA - Managing Director

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The Desai Accelerator is an intensive program of funding, mentorship, and resources to help early-stage ventures scale and succeed. Startups are accepted in cohorts, and the program culminates with a Demo Day, where each team will pitch to investors. The Desai Accelerator is a collaborative effort at the University of Michigan between the Zell Lurie Institute of Entrepreneurial Studies at the Ross School of Business and the Center for Entrepreneurship at the College of Engineering. While the accelerator is a University of Michigan-supported program, applications are open to the public.

### Industry Sectors Served:

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### Company Stages Served:

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## UM Fast Forward Medical Innovation

[www.innovation.medicine.umich.edu](http://www.innovation.medicine.umich.edu)

Ann Arbor, MI

CONNIE CHANG - Managing Director

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Fast Forward Medical Innovation is part of the University of Michigan Medical School. Its team offers resources and support to world-class biomedical researchers at the University of Michigan and across the state in the realms of diagnostics, therapeutics, devices, and healthcare IT. Fast Forward Medical Innovation's groundbreaking funding programs (including the statewide MTRAC for Life Sciences Hub), dynamic educational offerings, and deep industry connections help biomedical researchers navigate the road to successful innovation and commercialization, with the ultimate goal of positively impacting human health.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## UM Office of Technology Transfer

[www.techtransfer.umich.edu](http://www.techtransfer.umich.edu)

Ann Arbor, MI

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University of Michigan (UM) Tech Transfer is responsible for the commercialization of UM technology, licensing and helping to create new startups based on UM IP. The office includes the Tech Transfer Venture Center, the hub for investors and entrepreneurs interested in UM startup opportunities.

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Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## UM Samuel Zell and Robert H. Lurie Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies

[www.zli.umich.edu](http://www.zli.umich.edu)

Ann Arbor, MI

MICHELE THOMAS - Program Specialist

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Located within the Ross School of Business, the globally recognized Samuel Zell & Robert H. Lurie Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies provides the curriculum, program initiatives, community involvement, and alumni outreach activities that deliver exclusive resources for entrepreneurs at the University of Michigan. The Institute and its Center for Venture Capital and Private Equity Finance bring together a potent mix of knowledge, experience, and opportunities from the front lines of entrepreneurship and alternative investments. The school's four student-led investment funds, with over \$8.5M under management, immerse students in the business assessment and investment process.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## UM Zell Entrepreneurship and Law Program

[www.law.umich.edu/ec](http://www.law.umich.edu/ec)

Ann Arbor, MI

DANA THOMPSON - Clinical Professor of Law, Director of Entrepreneurship Clinic

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The Zell Entrepreneurship and Law Program (ZEAL) at University of Michigan (UM) Law School offers an Entrepreneurship Clinic providing free legal services to UM student-led startups and other startups in Southeastern Michigan. The clinic also offers legal office hours around the UM campus as well workshops and other legal training activities. ZEAL also provides other law school courses such as the Venture Capital Lab, internships and others.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## University Research Corridor

[www.urcmich.org](http://www.urcmich.org)

Lansing, MI

BRITANY AFFOLTER-CAINE - Program Director

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Michigan's University Research Corridor (URC) is one of the nation's top academic research clusters and the leading engine for innovation in Michigan and the Great Lakes region. An alliance of Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and Wayne State University, the URC focuses on increasing economic prosperity and connecting Michigan to the world. In 2015, the three URC universities produced \$2.15 billion for research and development, granted degrees to more than 34,500 graduates and contributed \$16.5 billion to Michigan's economy. The URC has also cultivated 210 startup companies since 2002. Among the top eight United States academic research clusters to which the URC benchmarks itself each year, the URC ranked second in the Innovation Power Ranking, an index of R&D, talent, and technology transfer metrics. For the second year in a row, the URC has outperformed university innovation clusters in well-known regions such as North Carolina's Research Triangle, California's Silicon Valley, and Massachusetts' Route 128 Corridor. The alliance makes Michigan attractive to businesses and talent by training the next generation of highly skilled, in demand workers, finding solutions through innovative research, and fostering an array of international business and academic partnerships.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## WCC Entrepreneurship Center

[www.ec.wccnet.edu](http://www.ec.wccnet.edu)

Ann Arbor, MI

KRISTIN GAPSKE - Director

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The Entrepreneurship Center at Washtenaw Community College is a meeting place and resource hub open to the public. Their purpose is to connect the community to resources and professional assistance in order to help entrepreneurs bring their ideas to market. In addition to many free workshops, the Entrepreneurship Center has an open coworking space available for people to work on business ideas, study or do business research and share computer and printing resources. For current business owners and future entrepreneurs, they offer one-on-one appointments to assist individuals with their business questions and challenges.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## WMU Business Connection

[www.wmich.edu/businessconnection](http://www.wmich.edu/businessconnection)

Kalamazoo, MI

LISA GARCIA - Director

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WMU's Business Connection is an office of Western Michigan University dedicated to strategically matching Western's resources to the needs of the local business community. By working together with the numerous resources available on campus, the office serves as a "one-stop-shop" for companies that want to engage with the university.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## WMU Business Technology and Research Park



[www.wmich.edu/btr](http://www.wmich.edu/btr)

Kalamazoo, MI

BOB MILLER - Associate VP

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Western Michigan University's (WMU) BTR Park fosters mutually beneficial relationships that involve resident businesses, the University and the Kalamazoo community. The private-sector firms located at the Park are recruited from three key business sectors — life sciences, advanced engineering and information technology. The Park is located on WMU's 265-acre Parkview Campus, the home of WMU's highly regarded College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The proximity to the College and the University's campus wide commitment to the three areas of focus mean opportunities abound for businesses to interact and partner with the faculty and students of one of the nation's largest major research universities.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## WMU Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation



[www.wmich.edu/business/entrepreneurship](http://www.wmich.edu/business/entrepreneurship)

Kalamazoo, MI

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Western Michigan University's Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation strives to bring together community members, faculty, business experts and students to provide a setting for students to develop and commercialize new technology.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine Innovation Center



[www.kazoosmic.com](http://www.kazoosmic.com)

Kalamazoo, MI

SANDRA COCHRANE - Director of Innovation Center

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WMed is a private medical school formed through a collaboration of Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo's two teaching hospitals, Borgess Health and Bronson Healthcare. An integral component of the medical school's research strategy, the Innovation Center supplements the two research floors on WMed's downtown W.E. Upjohn M.D. Campus by providing incubator space that serves to advance research discoveries to commercialization as well as more research experience opportunities for medical school learners. Innovation Center researchers are encouraged to seek a faculty appointment at the medical school to share their expertise with learners, collaborate with other faculty, and to benefit from medical school resources.

### Industry Sectors Served:

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# ENTREPRENEURIAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

## WMU Starting Gate

[www.wmich.edu/startinggate](http://www.wmich.edu/startinggate)

Kalamazoo, MI



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Starting Gate is a student business accelerator that gives Western Michigan University's (WMU) students rich and valuable resources to develop their startup companies. Since its inception in 2013, the program has helped over 55 student companies prepare and launch their startups. The free program is open to all WMU students and runs across both fall and winter semesters, culminating in a Demo Day open to investors in the spring.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## WSU Innovation Warriors

[www.wayne.thelaunchpad.org](http://www.wayne.thelaunchpad.org)

Detroit, MI



AUBREY AGEE

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Innovation Warriors offers career guidance, resources, and advice to entrepreneurs, innovators, and inventors at Wayne State University. Its primary mission is to show Wayne State University students that starting a new venture is a legitimate career path and an attainable reality. Through regular individual and group consultative sessions, workshops, and networking events, Innovation Warriors is strengthening the entrepreneurial culture at Wayne State University and helping students from every school, college, and campus transform innovative ideas into successful Southeast Michigan startups. Innovation Warriors is committed to fostering the entrepreneurial community and revitalizing the economies of Midtown, Detroit, and Michigan.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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## WSU Technology Commercialization

[www.techtransfer.wayne.edu](http://www.techtransfer.wayne.edu)

Detroit, MI



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Wayne State University Technology Commercialization (TC) is responsible for the identification, protection, marketing and licensing of intellectual property (e.g., patents, unique biological or other materials, and certain copyrights) developed by WSU faculty, staff, and students. The TC office promotes an entrepreneurial culture and supports startup ventures and regional economic development. TC also negotiates Material Transfer Agreements and Confidentiality Agreements and reviews the Intellectual property terms of Sponsored Research Agreements.

### Industry Sectors Served:

Life Sciences	Information Technology	Alternative Energy	Media	Adv Materials & Manufacturing	Business Services	Consumer Products	Mobility	Other
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# 2017 SERVICE PROVIDER MEMBERS

Each year, the MVCA Membership Committee and MVCA Board of Directors extends a very limited number of invitations to a carefully curated selection of professional service organizations. These are elite organizations who have been identified by MVCA as being valuable partners within the entrepreneurial and investment community. MVCA and its membership are grateful to our valued 2017 Service Provider Members.

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Combining backgrounds in patent law, engineering, and public policy, the attorneys who founded Applied Licensing bring value to startup companies through a combination of angel level investment, intellectual property portfolio development, and intellectual property monetization. "We work with startup companies and inventors to construct a cost-effective intellectual property portfolio that supports their strategic business needs, and helps make their companies and intellectual property attractive targets for investment," explains Thomas Baumgarten, Jr., President of Applied Licensing. "Companies with existing intellectual property assets use Applied Licensing to help monetize those assets and generate additional value through them, including through generation of royalties or sales revenues, or through concluding strategic licensing relationships."

Applied Licensing also uses its expertise to provide intellectual property portfolio analysis to investors and companies considering an investment in or acquisition of a target company, giving investors and acquiring entities a more informed understanding of the nature of a given deal.

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"We have extensive experience in tax issues related to venture capital funds as well as their investors and portfolio companies including choice of entity, UBTI, and partnership taxation. Our forensic and investigative services are used by funds and principals for background investigations, asset searches, digital forensics, and non-financial due diligence," says Harry Cendrowski, founding member and managing director of the firm.

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"It has been exciting to be a part of the growth and maturation of the venture capital community in Michigan over the last 10 to 15 years. I've thoroughly enjoyed helping firms thrive and spark the entrepreneurial flame throughout the state," said Mike Temple, of counsel at Pepper Hamilton.

Pepper Hamilton attorneys also serve as counsel to portfolio companies, and they represent a wide range of alternative capital sources (such as private equity funds, venture capital funds, mezzanine funds and private debt funds) that are licensed as SBICs in their debt and equity investment transactions.

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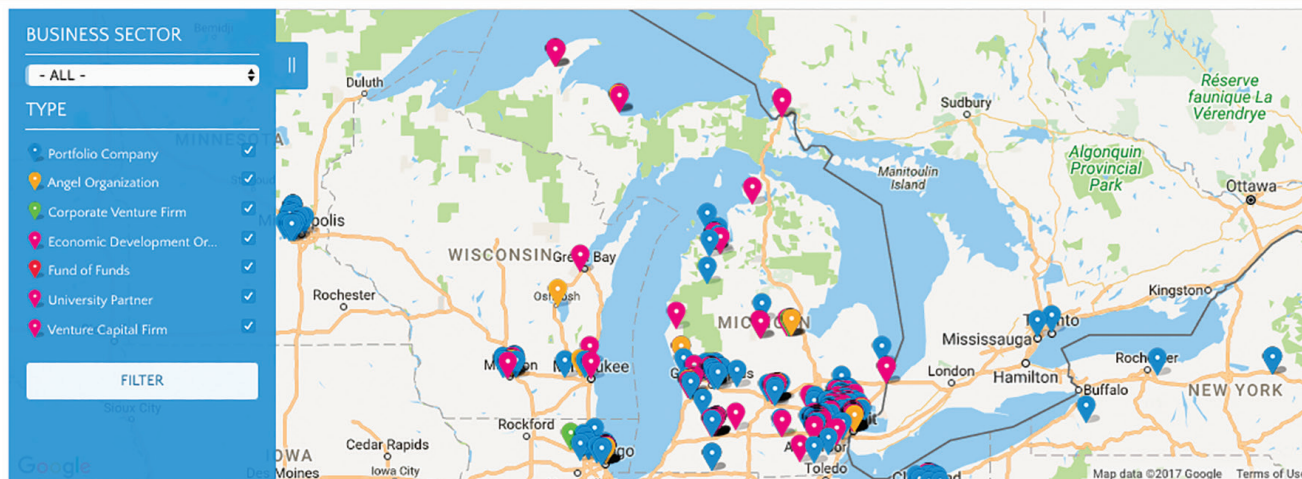
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## MICHIGAN ENTREPRENEURIAL & INVESTMENT LANDSCAPE MAP



Get Connected! MVCA's Michigan Entrepreneurial & Investment Landscape Guide provides you with detailed information on angel investors, venture capital firms, entrepreneurial support organizations, and professional service firms who do business in Michigan. Everything you need to know to make a meaningful first connection can be found in this guide!

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## Landscape Map

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# A Strategic Plan for Funding Michigan's Entrepreneurs

Momentum 2021 is the Michigan Venture Capital Association's (MVCA) five-year strategic plan. It's a comprehensive roadmap designed to guide MVCA's future. From policy and advocacy, to communication and marketing, to events and member engagement, the plan establishes MVCA as a vital voice and advocate for the entrepreneurial and investment community. Momentum 2021 is the blueprint that will enable MVCA to expand opportunities for venture and angel investors in support of the growth of entrepreneurs in Michigan.

## We Believe

- The future success of the entrepreneurial and investment community in Michigan is dependent on two things: capital and talent.
- As venture and angel investors, we exist because of and for entrepreneurs.
- Our advantage in Michigan is the investment community collaborates and cooperates better than in any other state.
- Michigan can be a top ten entrepreneurial economy.
- Michigan's entrepreneurial and investment community has had many wins in the past five years but is not yet nationally competitive.

## Mission

As the voice of the Michigan entrepreneurial and investment community, MVCA:

- serves as the trusted resource for venture capital and angel investment data;
- advocates for policies that encourage innovation and reward long-term investment;
- convenes the entrepreneurial ecosystem and connects its community members through communications, marketing, and member engagement; and,
- grows and sustains a vibrant and resilient venture and angel investment community.

## Vision

To increase the amount of capital and talent available to venture and angel investors so we can fund Michigan's most innovative entrepreneurs and work closely with them to transform breakthrough ideas into new companies and industries that drive Michigan job creation and economic growth.





## MVCA Staff



**Maureen Miller Brosnan**  
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As the Executive Director of the Michigan Venture Capital Association, Maureen Miller Brosnan oversees the organization's strategy and direction and creates awareness and support of Michigan venture capital firms and angel group activity. She has spent 27 years in leadership roles in the non-profit sector, as part of local and state government, trade associations, and the healthcare industry. Maureen is currently a member of the Livonia City Council and has served on the city council for almost 16 years, including election as president and vice president. Maureen is a graduate of Central Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor of applied arts degree in journalism and public relations.



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With a background in economic development, capital markets, and finance, Emily Heintz brings technical and practical expertise to her role as Associate Director of the Michigan Venture Capital Association. Emily supports Michigan's vibrant venture capital community by developing the MVCA Research Report, planning educational and networking events, managing talent programs, and advocating for Michigan's entrepreneurial community. Before joining MVCA in 2013, she was a Capital Markets Associate at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Earlier, she was the Accounting Manager at Ann Arbor SPARK, a non-profit economic development organization. Emily holds both a bachelor of arts and masters of science in accounting from the Michigan State University.



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As Marketing and Communications Manager, Amber Pineda strengthens the Michigan Venture Capital Association's core mission to serve as a statewide voice for Michigan's growing venture and angel investment community. She is responsible for the development and execution of MVCA's strategic state and national communication plan designed to tell Michigan entrepreneurs and investors' success stories across traditional and digital platforms. Amber was formerly a public relations senior account executive at San Francisco-based BOCA Communications where she was responsible for media relations and strategy. Amber earned a bachelor of arts in communication studies and public relations with minors in social work and global studies from Marist College, and a master of science in communication from Illinois State University.





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## Overview

As the MVCA reaches its 15-year anniversary, we celebrate our association's success as a catalyst for growth of the venture capital and angel investor community. The MVCA board and staff are dedicated to expanding opportunities for growth of entrepreneurs and venture and angel investors through the following programs, services and publications.

### Research

MVCA develops and distributes an annual research report, which offers a comprehensive summary of venture capital investment activities across Michigan. MVCA works with the National Venture Capital Association, Pitchbook, the U.S. Census Bureau, and the Angel Capital Association to analyze Michigan's entrepreneurial and investment activities relative to national trends. The annual research report is the critical source of quantitative information used to unite the Michigan entrepreneurial and investment community into a common voice to drive initiatives that encourage its growth in Michigan.



### Advocacy

Core to MVCA's mission is serving as the statewide voice for Michigan's growing entrepreneurial and investment community. To advance this objective, MVCA educates, advocates, and communicates to legislators, the media, and the general public on entrepreneurial and investment opportunities, challenges, and successes in Michigan.

### Events

MVCA facilitates the development of a strong network within the Michigan entrepreneurial and investment community and builds connections with out-of-state angel and venture investors through targeted meetings and events.

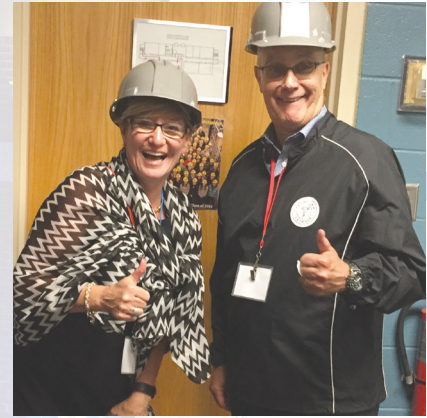




## Outreach

MVCA broadens the reach of the Michigan entrepreneurial and investment community by building relationships and educating national partners on opportunities and trends in Michigan.

- **Immersion Days** are a customized series of all-day meetings, tours and social events intended to familiarize out-of-state investors with the wealth of resources, partnerships and entrepreneurial ideas available in Michigan.
- **Outreach Trips** meet with out-of-state investors to share key research report findings, opportunities and successes. These trips build relationships that can be leveraged by Michigan investors.



## Programs

MVCA provides program development assistance to Michigan's entrepreneurial and economic support organizations on matters targeting Michigan's talent and capital gaps. In this role, MVCA collaborates with organizations by facilitating research, providing direction, and assembling feedback within the proposed programs' scope to help shape the ultimate goals and desired outcomes of the programs, so that they best suit the true needs of Michigan's entrepreneurial and investment community.

MVCA offers several programs funded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. These programs have played a critical role in building Michigan's entrepreneurial and investment landscape:

- **The Michigan Venture Fellows Program** provides grant funding toward salaries to increase the number of venture professionals in Michigan and accelerate the fundraising and deployment of capital into early-stage companies. Venture Fellows are hired for two years by a Michigan-based venture firm and are expected to continue their careers with the firm after the fellowship.
- **ExeConnect** helps organizations and executives better navigate Michigan's entrepreneurial and investment community. Program users can simplify the path to a meaningful connection by using the Michigan Entrepreneurial & Investment Landscape Guide and Map available in both a printed and web-based interactive, searchable form. Users can also take advantage of the deep connections the MVCA team has in the entrepreneurial and investment community.

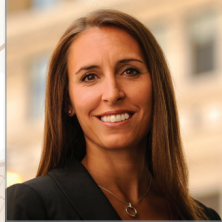




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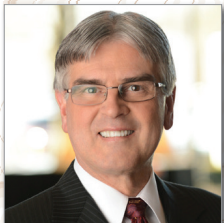
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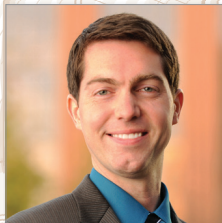
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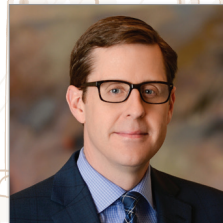
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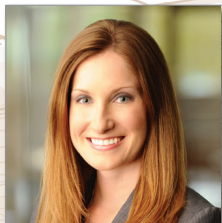
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