

The University of Akron

For growing businesses, strong partnerships with the right resources can be the difference between success and failure. At The University of Akron, we also believe that strong partnerships can ensure the success of our city, our institutions and our future. This is just one reason we are proud to partner with the Greater Akron Chamber to bring entrepreneurs, innovators and small business owners this updated Resource Guide for wealth creation in Northeast Ohio.



We hope this comprehensive Guide will help you create strong and lasting partnerships that support your ideas and grow your business. In addition to a vast array of area economic development associations, chambers of commerce, financial support networks and research collaborators, this Guide features a listing of resources from Northeast Ohio universities that can help your business on the path to success.

The University of Akron, through strategic partnerships, collaborates with industry to support the commercialization of new technologies that can lead to new industries in Northeast Ohio. The University of Akron Research Foundation (UARF) facilitates the improvement of entrepreneurship, innovation, research, technology transfer and new venture development by acting as an independent liaison between the University and the business community.

In our quest for partners who support innovative approaches to education, world class research, and economic development, we also have formed a bond with the Akron Regional CHange Angel (ARCHAngel) Network, which helps to create connections between early-stage technology-driven businesses and their most logical partners.

Look for updates to this Guide at www.uakron.edu/research.

Sincerely,

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The Greater Akron Chamber is pleased to partner with The University of Akron to bring you this updated Resource Guide. The Greater Akron Region has tremendous resources to help you grow your business.

For nearly a century, the Greater Akron Chamber has been an integral part of what makes our community a great place to live, work, and play.

Every strategy, program, and service we offer is created specifically to provide a positive year-end dividend, and we are 100 percent focused on results that directly benefit our members and community.

The Chamber serves as the primary advocate for Greater Akron's business community and also collaborates with several key partners – public and private entities, educational institutions, regional economic development organizations, and the community at-large – to ensure the sustainable economic vitality of the region.



These partnerships, along with the visionary civic leadership of our Board of Directors, help to ensure that the Greater Akron Region becomes more competitive in creating, attracting, and retaining businesses. We all agree that through economic development strategies that invest in innovation-based companies, we will outperform our competitors in job and wealth creation.

This region has always had all the resources necessary for long-term prosperity – strong leadership, a can-do spirit, a pro-business climate, great educational institutions, top-flight high-tech manufacturing and transportation centers, attractive real estate markets, state-of-the art medical centers, world-class airports, and much, much more.

We hope you find this Guide useful and welcome your questions at (330) 376-5550.

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The University of Akron is the public research university for Northern Ohio. It is the only public university in Ohio with a science and engineering program ranked in the top five nationally by U.S. News & World Report. Serving 24,000 students, the university offers approximately 300 associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral and law degree programs and 100 certificate programs at sites in Summit, Wayne, Medina and Holmes counties. For more information, visit www.uakron.edu.

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The Office of the Vice President for Research is at the core of economic development at The University of Akron. Through the offices of Research Services and Sponsored Programs and Technology Transfer, as well as the University of Akron Research Foundation, coordination of university-industry relationships, economic

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The Office of Technology Transfer serves as a point of contact for business, promoting outreach and economic development in the Akron area. The technology transfer staff coordinates invention disclosures, reviews inventions for marketability, applies for and maintains patents, provides for commercialization through local businesses, assists startup companies and arranges for the licensing of University technology and inventions to independent businesses.



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The Greater Akron Chamber is a regional chamber of commerce and economic development organization serving the Northeast Ohio counties of Medina, Portage, and Summit. We represent a membership of diverse businesses ranging from global manufacturers to small machine shops and professionals to non-profit organizations and educational institutions.

The Greater Akron Chamber works to promote and facilitate economic and business growth and prosperity to benefit the people and businesses of the region. We provide business services, information, and advocacy, as detailed below.

Economic Development

The Greater Akron Chamber provides details on economic opportunities in the Northeast Ohio counties of Medina, Portage, and Summit (Akron, OH PMSA) and assistance for new and expanding industry. The Chamber's economic development services include: complete orientation to the Greater Akron Region; site and building identification through our exclusive commercial real estate database; comprehensive statistical data and information covering all aspects of the tri-county region; expert resources; liaison to local and state government contacts; access to regional business leadership and recently relocated executives; fixed-asset financing programs through Industrial Revenue Bond financing and Ohio Enterprise Bond financing; and personal support throughout the entire relocation or expansion process.

Entrepreneurship

As part of our Entrepreneurship strategy, the Greater Akron Chamber is taking an active role in promoting innovation, technology development and commercialization, and new business formation, along with new venture opportunities that facilitate entrepreneurship leading to new investment within the region.

Workforce Development

The Greater Akron Chamber leads and coordinates activities to provide an educated and skilled labor force in order to be globally competitive and to provide quality employment opportunities.

Government Affairs

The changing face of business today demands strong advocacy for business interests throughout the federal, state, and local government communities. The Greater Akron Chamber is meeting this challenge with renewed focus in our government relations initiatives and is working for businesses throughout the region in expanding their presence at all levels of government to ensure continued growth in the global market.

Research & Communications

The Greater Akron Chamber is the region's primary source for the information and current data to help you make sound business decisions. The Chamber maintains a web site and a business library and publishes and supplies the following information: business reports; marketing and census data; the Chamber's newsletter; employment data; annual wage and benefit survey; largest employers directory; manufacturers directory; annual industrial expansion report; community profiles; retail, wholesale, and service trade statistics; cost-of-living index; Akron area business patterns; metalworking directory; business relocation information; economic indicators; and workforce statistics.

Business Services

The Greater Akron Chamber offers a cost-effective means of providing membership benefits and services that give our members an operational and financial competitive advantage.

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The University of Akron Research Foundation promotes, encourages and provides assistance to the research activities of University of Akron faculty, staff and students. The non-profit foundation provides a bridge between industry and the University, facilitating the transfer of inventions, discoveries, processes and work products developed at the University to private industry. UARF also provides intellectual property, commercialization and enterprise creation support to faculty, staff, students and Akron-based small businesses.

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The Akron Innovation Campus at 411 and 441 Wolf Ledges is part of the outreach and emerging enterprise support efforts of the University of Akron Research Foundation. The adjacent buildings fill a long-standing need for office space close to the University's main campus for UA spin-off technology companies, industry research partners and other innovative and community supporting enterprises. The Innovation Campus is home to University Innovation Ventures.

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The ARCHAngel (Akron Regional CHange Angel) Network is a regional forum for introducing investors to market-driven, technology-based investment opportunities in Northeast Ohio. The Network, made possible through the sponsorship of the University of Akron Research Foundation, brings together promising technology companies and Angel investors with a particular focus on businesses that leverage the region's strengths in health care, information technologies, polymers and other advanced materials.

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University Innovation Ventures develops and commercializes non-core private sector intellectual property to create successful businesses in the Akron area. As a for-profit company, UIV is based on the premise that valuable technologies already exist in diverse industry segments and that internally-focused research organizations may not fully evaluate or utilize all applications for this technology. UIV develops these spin-in technologies in collaboration with other private sector partners.

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON CENTERS & INSTITUTES

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As a world leader in polymer research and education, The University of Akron's College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering uses distance learning to support K-12 science instruction, global research collaboration, internet instrument sharing, virtual laboratories, graduate education and workforce development.

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The University of Akron's 18,500-square-foot Akron Polymer Training Center is a teaching facility that serves the region's academic and industrial needs by offering a wide variety of non-credit plastics and rubber training courses. APTC programs are designed to enhance on-the-job effectiveness for all professionals working in the polymer field. The center's reliable and dedicated

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Operating under the Institute of Polymer Science, the Applied Polymer Research Center's full-time professional staff provides timely and reliable contractual technical services to thousands of industrial and government clients. The APRC offers companies of all sizes access to top researchers, knowledge bases and advanced equipment. Key areas of technical service include polymer characterization, additive identification, defect analysis, thermal analysis, dynamic mechanical thermal analysis, electron microscopy, chromatography and spectroscopy.

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The Center for Collaboration and Inquiry promotes the practice, research and dissemination of inquiry-based teaching and learning. The center supplies the resources and assistance necessary for P-16 teachers to create effective learning environments and fosters collaborative research efforts between experts of both content and educational methods.

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The Center for Conflict Management's goal is to provide academically rigorous and practically grounded analysis of the nature of conflict, training students in skills they can use to better prevent, resolve or reduce the harms associated with conflicts—from interpersonal to international. In addition to a variety of certificate programs, the center also offers workshops for students, teachers and area business leaders.

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The Center for Environmental Studies provides opportunities for scientists, educators, students and special interest groups to work together to improve

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Established in 1979, the Center for Family Studies serves The University of Akron and the community by fostering collaboration on curriculum development, educational events, research, training and public policy relevant to family issues. The center encourages participation of faculty and students from the University's colleges, as well as leaders from area schools, hospitals, courts, churches and mental health and social agencies. The center encourages research grants and external funding for projects.

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The Center for Information Technologies & eBusiness (CITe) was created in 2000 to promote the principles and practices of the related disciplines of information technology and electronic business. The center's mission is to identify and promote best practices in the design, development and application of information technology in organizations. The center's activities include curriculum development and refinement, fostering the exchange and dissemination of knowledge in Northeast Ohio, grant development, the creation of local expertise, and the establishment of mentoring connections between students, academia and industry.

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The Center for Intellectual Property Law and Technology coordinates the School of Law's intellectual property curriculum and administers a certificate program and the state's first Intellectual Property Law Master of Laws program. The center also sponsors an annual intellectual property law symposium and lectures and works with local and state entities on issues relating to the commercialization, transfer and protection of high tech products and services.

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The Center for Literacy furthers the mission of the University of Akron and its College of Education through programs that support development of expertise and dissemination of knowledge about language learning. The center supports research and scholarship, service projects and literacy development, which is broadly defined as the basic communication and calculation skills necessary for existence in modern society.

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The mission of the Center for Organizational Development is to provide training and management development to meet the needs of community members and area businesses. In addition to offering consulting services, the center custom designs and delivers dedicated supervisory and management development seminars and programs tailored to each company's industry and needs. For firms of all sizes, COD also offers market research, assessment and feasibility services.

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Managed by The University of Akron's acclaimed Industrial/Organizational Psychology Department, the Center for Organizational Research provides top-quality consultation and research-based interventions to the business community, as well as, public and not-for-profit organizations. The COR can offer an approach tailored to each client's needs because of its small client base and research orientation.

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The Center for Policy Studies is a multidisciplinary group of faculty and staff who specialize in studies of public opinion and public policy. Center researchers seek to understand the nature and sources of mass attitudes toward policy issues, as well as the causes and consequences of policy decisions. The center also offers its expertise to the public for those who wish to commission studies of public opinion or policy issues relevant to the research specialties of the fellows of the center.

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The objective of the Collaborative Center in Polymer Photonics is the development of polymer-based materials and fabrication methods for

photonic applications. For example, new polymeric materials for use in photovoltaic cells are being prepared and evaluated. Extensive research on the development and utilization of polymeric photonic crystals is also being carried out. AFM-assisted electrostatic nanolithography techniques are being used to assemble polymeric materials into photonic structure. Experimental and theoretical methods for characterizing and modeling interactions between light and polymer structure at the quantum, atomic and microscopic levels are being developed.

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The English Language Institute provides non-credit academic English as a second language instruction to international students and non-native residents who plan to pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree at a U.S. university. In addition to an intensive, 20-hour-per-week program for students, the ELI also offers a non-intensive Community and Corporate ESL Program, designed specifically for non-native English speakers living and working in northeast Ohio, with customized programs of instruction for individuals and employers.

Fisher Institute for Professional Selling

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Ranked among the six best undergraduate and graduate sales programs nationally, the Fisher Institute for Professional Selling offers customized sales training courses designed for corporate customers and public seminars on sales topics. The Fisher Sales Laboratory includes six skill practice rooms, a control room containing state-of-the-art audio/visual recording equipment and an adjoining classroom.

H. Kenneth Barker Center for Economic Education

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The H. Kenneth Barker Center for Economic Education exists to improve the economic literacy of citizens and foster understanding of the American economic system. The center conducts workshops, seminars and economic programs for students, teachers and interested community groups, including businesses focusing on entrepreneurship, personal finance, financial literacy and basic economic concepts. It also provides consulting services in economic education for school districts and area businesses and acts as a clearinghouse for the gathering and dissemination of economic education materials.

Institute for Biomedical Engineering Research

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In addition to its educational functions, the Institute for Biomedical Engineering Research provides research service to local hospitals and industry, as well as private and government agencies. The institute's research is carried out by University of Akron Department of Biomedical Engineering faculty, other UA and NEOUCOM faculty, and area physicians, engineers and scientists.

Institute for Global Business

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The Institute for Global Business tailors its carefully planned and flexibly organized programs to meet the needs of area organizations, including developing short courses in exporting, importing, tariffs, and global negotiations, purchasing and legal issues. The institute focuses on educational advancement, professional development, international operations experience and international business information gathering to encourage Ohio's economic competitiveness worldwide.

Institute for Health and Social Policy

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The Institute for Health and Social Policy's mission is to improve the quality of health and social services to at-risk groups. The institute conducts research, collaborates with other University of Akron centers and assists faculty in developing proposals. While most of its research is conducted for government or non-profit agencies, the institute also serves as an educational resource for the community for up-to-date health and social services research and recent advances in behavioral and social science.

Institute for Life-Span Development and Gerontology

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The Institute for Life-Span Development and Gerontology has grown into a campus-wide program involving more than 65 faculty members in 23 different departments, representing six colleges. In addition to student placement in numerous community service settings, the institute also conducts research studies. The institute coordinates both the Undergraduate Gerontology Certificate Program and the Graduate Gerontology Certificate Program.

Institute for Polymer Engineering

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As part of the internationally renowned polymer program at The University of Akron, the Institute of Polymer Engineering offers the expertise of some of the world's foremost polymer engineers, serving as a confidential, objective and affordable source of technical assistance. The institute performs polymer processing, characterization, analysis and testing to help clients determine optimum processing conditions, improve quality control and analyze material properties. The institute also provides access to the Polymerization Pilot Plant.

Institute for Teaching and Learning

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The Institute for Teaching and Learning coordinates, promotes and supports efforts to improve the success of students both inside and outside the classroom and to advance and disseminate scholarly investigations into the teaching and learning process. The institute focuses on developing and providing targeted professional development activities through information gathering and sharing.

The Magnetic Resonance Center

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The Magnetic Resonance Center operates eight superconducting NMR spectrometers, including an INOVA 750 MHz instrument with a cryoprobe and other accessories to perform every possible experiment yet devised. Seven other instruments with frequencies from 200 to 500 Mhz are equipped to perform solution and solid state multiple resonance 2D- and 3D-experiments. The techniques available on some of the lab's instruments include quadruple resonance, shaped pulses for selective excitation and pulsed field gradient work. The lab is also equipped with a Q-band ESR instrument for continuous wave experiments.

Maurice Morton Institute of Polymer Science

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The Maurice Morton Institute of Polymer Science conducts basic and applied research, focusing on

the creation of new polymers and the study of their physical properties. Within the institute are the Macromolecular Modeling Center, the Applied Polymer Research Center, Microscopy Laboratories and the Magnetic Resonance Center.

Microscale Physiochemical Engineering Center (MPEC)

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Focusing on operations involving small particles such as heterogeneous catalysts, fluid-solid separations, surface coatings, water treatment and energy conversion, students and faculty at the Microscale Physiochemical Engineering Center form multidisciplinary teams to solve specific industrial problems. The center provides a forum for industrial-university cooperation. The center currently hosts a consortium of industrial sponsors for fundamental and applied research in coalescence filtration and use of nanofibers. MPEC faculty also work with a small business in the development of ceramic fiber filters and the Department of Energy to develop fuel cells.

New Business Legal Clinic

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The New Business Legal Clinic (NBLC) provides low-cost legal and business assistance to small and emerging businesses in the local community. Under the supervision of a licensed attorney, second and third year law students provide non-litigation, transactional legal and business advice, including business formation, employment, contract/lease, tax and entity information. Among the largest small business clinics in the country, the NBLC conducts over 125 free legal consultations annually.

Polymerization Pilot Plant

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The Polymerization Pilot Plant consists of 1-, 15- and 50-liter reactors to produce prototype quantities of new polymers for evaluation by potential customers. The plant has two sets of reactors, one glass-lined and one Teflon-coated stainless steel, to enable cationic, anionic, free radical and condensation polymerizations. The plant also offers determination of physical, mechanical and chemical properties of polymers. Analytical services include evaluation of polymer processing, such as injection molding, extrusion and thermoforming.

Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics

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The University of Akron's Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics is a bipartisan research and teaching institute dedicated to increasing understanding of the political process with special emphasis on political parties, grassroots activity and ethical behavior. Established in 1986, the institute sponsors public programs, conferences and research on topics such as campaign finance, campaign advertising and political organizations.

Training Center for Fire and Hazardous Materials

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The Training Center for Fire and Hazardous Materials coordinates seminars and workshops presented by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), The Division of EMS Fire Charter and other related organizations to offer training in general safety, planning for the worst and first responder protocol. Supported by the faculty of the University of Akron Fire Protection Technology degree program, the center's services are available to various municipalities, agencies and industries of all sizes.

Training Center for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

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The Training Center for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice employs the expertise of Summit College's Criminal Justice Technology faculty and experienced law enforcement professionals from all over Ohio. The center provides state certified training through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission in basic police academy, police refresher course, advanced police training and private security.

William and Rita Fitzgerald Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies

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The William and Rita Fitzgerald Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies promotes the principles of free enterprise and encourages the entrepreneurial spirit and practice essential to the survival of free enterprise. The university-wide program offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees targeted to all students. The program specializes in teaching creativity, innovation, entrepreneurship related to startups, family business, franchising, acquisitions, corporate innovation and entrepreneurship. The program is experiential in nature as students work with entrepreneurs, investors and existing small business owners.

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Summit College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education program serves business and community needs through both noncredit, open-enrollment courses and customized, onsite training for companies. Noncredit and professional development courses span a wide range of subjects from Six Sigma and leadership to computer and languages. Many continuing education courses for license recertification are offered, as well as courses that prepare participants for a variety of exams and national tests. Entrepreneur and small business workshops on topics such as business start-up, online marketing and eCommerce, and small business accounting are offered regularly.

NORTHEAST OHIO RESOURCES

Akron Children's Hospital

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Akron Children's Hospital is a 253-bed pediatric hospital housing a regional burn center for both adults and children, as well as a pediatric trauma center. Children's cares for more than 400,000 patients each year and performs more pediatric surgeries than any other hospital in Northeast Ohio. Since children's illnesses, anatomies and symptoms differ from those of adults, Children's is involved in numerous research trials that test the effectiveness of certain treatments in children, such as national pharmaceutical studies for asthma, infections, childhood vaccines, epilepsy, cancer treatment, burn treatment and cystic fibrosis. Akron Children's Research Center performs research that determines better ways to treat ill children and bring these advances to the care of children in northeast Ohio.

Akron Development Fund, Ltd.

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The Akron Development Fund is a mezzanine financing fund organized by members of Akron Tomorrow, Inc. to promote growth and development in the City of Akron by combating urban blight, creating jobs, modernizing businesses and promoting general community interest. Typical financing packages are leveraged by other financing sources, including traditional financing institutions, public sources and developer equity.

Akron General Medical Center

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Akron General Medical Center's legacy of basic science and clinical research and its organizational size and infrastructure offers enterprising companies the ability to access a variety of expertise quickly and easily. The Technology Transfer, Commercialization and Innovation Office, a new initiative at Akron General, is focused on bringing life-improving ideas to reality by partnering with startup and established companies who are interested in bringing new medical products to the patient's bedside. The goal of the office is to partner with industry, physician and biomedical entrepreneurs, and other area hospitals and universities to attract biomedical investment and development in the region.

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The Akron Global Business Accelerator offers 200,000 square feet of upscale office, lab and manufacturing space with state of the art conferencing facilities and IT services. The accelerator offers support and counseling services, including cash flow management, financing, marketing and sales, and business plan

development. Attention is given to assisting new companies commercializing advanced materials, electronics and instrumentation, and information technologies.

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SCORE offers individual counseling, mentoring, workshops and seminars to help start a small business or to make a small business more profitable. SCORE counselors are all experienced and successful executives, managers and business owners who want to give back to the community. All services are free.

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The Baldwin-Wallace College Business Clinic is a community outreach program for small business owners and new business entrepreneurs. The clinic's primary goal is to coach clients through the development of their business plan. It also offers in-depth review of existing business plans and feasibility studies for start-up business ideas. These programs are part of the Center For Innovation and Growth at Baldwin-Wallace College.

Baldwin-Wallace College Public Interest Research Center

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The Public Interest Research Center is available for public opinion survey design, implementation, and analysis; focus group planning and facilitation; a variety of planning and analytical consulting services. The PIRC directors train undergraduate students of Baldwin-Wallace College to work with nonprofit and government agencies and candidates for public office to provide these services, which are supported by project grants and contracts.

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BioEnterprise is a business formation, recruitment and acceleration initiative designed to grow health care companies and commercialize bioscience technologies. Each year, the BioEnterprise groups choose a select number of emerging medical device, biotechnology, and health care services firms on which to focus. The resources and networks of BioEnterprise's founders and partners, including The Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, Case Western Reserve University and Summa Health System, are directed to help those companies achieve greater levels of business success.

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The Braintree Center for Business Innovation is a non-profit business incubator, assisting business startups and emerging companies in North Central Ohio. Focusing is on advanced manufacturing, information technology, biosciences and international trade, Braintree offers flexible space, business counseling, customer referral, access to capital and training opportunities. The center is part of the statewide network of incubators and centers funded by the Ohio Department of Development's Edison Technology Program. In addition to the incubator program, the center also houses the Ashland University Small Business Development Center, the Northern Ohio IT Alliance and an International Trade Assistance Center that serves new-to-export companies in a 19 county region.

Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

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Since 1914, the mission of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce is to pursue the continued economic growth of the Canton area and Stark County through positive business development. Nearly 1600 members are supported with

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Cascade Capital provides SBA 504 funding throughout Ohio and is authorized by the Ohio Department of Development to provide the Ohio 166 Regional Loan Program throughout Summit, Medina, Portage, Wayne, Ashland and Holmes counties. Cascade Capital participates in funding company expansion projects in partnership with area commercial banks.

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The mission of the Technology Transfer Office is "To assist and lead the successful commercialization of ideas created by people at CWRU."

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The Weatherhead School of Management has received international acclaim for developing bold ideas that redefine the way management education is taught.

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Cleveland State is a comprehensive metropolitan university committed to providing affordable education of high quality to students with diverse backgrounds, experiences, interests and needs. Located in downtown Cleveland with extended campuses in Westlake and Solon, Cleveland State offers degrees in hundreds of undergraduate and graduate programs and law, and professional development programs. Cleveland State reaches out to academically talented and highly motivated students through its Honors Program. And Cleveland State's faculty is tops, with more than 90 percent holding the highest degree attainable in their field. Approximately 15,500 students attend Cleveland State.

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Community Improvement Corporation Of Summit, Medina and Portage Counties

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The Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) is a non-profit corporation created for the purpose of approving projects for industrial development revenue bond financing. The CIC serves Summit, Medina and Portage counties.

CoreNetwork

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CoreNetwork is a private and independent group of investors interested in private equity investment opportunities located primarily in Ohio and Southeast Michigan, which have the potential to provide above-average returns. CoreNetwork provides a formal structure to foster such investment in a manner which incorporates community and sponsor support to improve the likelihood of success for the investee companies.

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New Product Development and Entrepreneurship Program

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The New Product Development and Entrepreneurship Program is a partnership between Cuyahoga County and MAGNET. The program creates long-term regional economic opportunity by providing public dollars to seed innovation and new product development. The program offers ten-year, 3.5 percent interest deferred loans to entrepreneurs and companies with annual sales of less than \$50 million. Successful applicants can receive up to \$115,000 in three phases: product feasibility, concept development and engineering and prototype development.

Community & Economic Development Division

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The Community & Economic Development Division provides low interest economic development loans to businesses that are creating jobs in Cuyahoga County. Special incentives, such as forgivable loans, are available for businesses who are interested in locating to a Brownfield site or to a vacant commercial building. Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessment funding is also available.

Downtown Akron Partnership

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Downtown Akron Partnership is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing people, activity, business and a thriving civic life back to the heart of

Akron. Through strategic marketing and management of downtown's resources, DAP works to reestablish downtown as a gathering place. DAP also acts as a liaison between downtown and the surrounding community, as well as a key advocate of downtown Akron.

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Since its creation in 1982, the East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation has produced over 600 units of affordable housing, assisted many small businesses, and completed the Middlebury Market Place, a \$12 million dollar retail shopping center. EANDC provides homebuyer counseling classes, home weatherization services and lead based paint abatement.

Safe Harbor Incubator

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The Safe Harbor is a minority small business incubator and development center, created to house new and existing service oriented businesses. The center provides the coordination of a variety of services which support entrepreneurs and existing small business ventures.

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Summit Employment Resource Center

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Goodwill Industries of Akron's Employee Resource Center in Summit County is funded by the Summit County Department of Jobs & Family Services and offers classes and workshops to train and educate interested workers. Goodwill's vocational services has helped hundreds of individuals with disabilities meet their employment goals. In addition to training individuals, Goodwill matches potential employers with qualified, pre-screened applicants, including job order posting, applicant recruitment, skill and aptitude testing, and employee training. Goodwill's Industrial Services Division is ISO certified and can complete outsourced manufacturing and shipping jobs, as well as working with small businesses to find solutions for all their potential needs.

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With more than 17,000 members, the Greater Cleveland Partnership is the largest private-sector economic development organization in Ohio. The organizational core includes the Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE), a one-stop resource for member companies, providing cost-effective group-purchasing programs, advocacy on legislative and regulatory issues, and resources focused on helping companies grow.

Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce

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The Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit organization that unites hundreds of business and professional firms to create a unique central agency working to improve business and build a better community. The chamber's membership includes business from sole proprietors to companies with over 500 members, creating a pool of resources from which the organization can draw energy, ideas and finances. In association with the Ohio Small Business Development Center at the Summit Medina Business Alliance, the center offers small business counseling and training led by certified business advisors.

Great Lakes Innovation and Development Enterprise (GLIDE)

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Great Lakes Innovation and Development Enterprise (GLIDE) is a comprehensive regional innovation center, resource hub and business incubator that supports all facets of the start-up, development and growth of enterprises. Created by a partnership between the Lorain County Commissioners, Lorain County Community College and The Ohio Department of Development, GLIDE's objective is to grow jobs and spearhead economic growth in both Lorain County and the Northern Ohio region.

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John Carroll University, located in Cleveland, Ohio, is a liberal arts university grounded in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. The university has some 3,100 plus undergraduates and just over 700 graduate students. The U.S. News & World Report's 2007 annual college guide ranks JCU among the top 10 master's-degree granting universities in the Midwest and first in average graduation rate. Originally founded as St. Ignatius College in 1886, the university was renamed in 1923 to honor America's first Catholic bishop, John Carroll of Maryland. John Carroll is one of 28 Jesuit colleges and universities located in the United States.

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JumpStart is a business development organization that identifies and invests in early-stage companies with strong potential in the marketplace, solid prospects for growth and a high likelihood of qualifying for later-stage funding. Beyond investing, the JumpStart team provides a continuum of business development services to its client companies to help ensure their success.

Kent State University

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Kent State, one of the public Ohio universities, is ranked by the Carnegie Foundation among the nation's top 77 public research universities, and among the 76 top colleges and top universities in community engagement. It serves more than 34,000 students university-wide.

Center of Excellence for Entrepreneurship & Business Innovation

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The Center of Excellence for Entrepreneurship & Business Innovation aims to create business growth in Northeast Ohio by being the leading public university in entrepreneurial education and innovation. The center is recognized for interdisciplinary activities, sustained collaborative relationships with other organizations, entrepreneurial research and graduates with entrepreneurial and intrapreneurial spirit, drive and accomplishments.

Office of Technology Transfer

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The Office of Technology Transfer facilitates technology partnerships, research collaborations, entrepreneurship, start-up companies and economic development opportunities.

Kent Regional Business Alliance

Website: www.krba.biz/

The Kent Regional Business Alliance is a team of Northeast Ohio organizations dedicated to promoting small business in Ohio. KRBA provides services, including free business consulting, and products for both growing businesses and people who want to start their own businesses in Northeast Ohio. The center offers small loans, technical assistance, small business development and the Kent Business Incubator.

Kent Business Incubator

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Kent/Portage SBDC

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Lorain County Community College

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Lorain County Community College, a vital and dynamic leader, serves a culturally diverse community by promoting education, economic, cultural and community development. The college encourages lifelong learning through accessible and affordable academic, career-oriented and continuing education.

Entrepreneurship Innovation Institute

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The Entrepreneurship Innovation Institute of Lorain County Community College is a one-stop resource to support the successful development of entrepreneurs, employers, business startups and non-profit organizations. The institute offers convenient, high quality, comprehensive training packages, business-support services and facilities that can help organizations operate more efficiently and effectively. One service offered through the EII is the Great Lakes Innovation and Development Enterprise (GLIDE), an Edison Incubator that focuses on assisting technology-drive startups.

Manufacturing Advocacy & Growth Network (MAGNET)

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The Manufacturing Advocacy & Growth Network supports and champions manufacturing in Northern Ohio, as the voice for the region's manufacturers. MAGNET advocates for manufacturers in dealing with the multitude of regulatory and government agencies. It also provides a clearinghouse for individual manufacturers seeking assistance in the areas of productivity improvement, global access and product innovation. Since 1984, MAGNET has assisted more than 2,000 manufacturers through its business consulting, product development and business incubation programs.

Medina County Economic Development Corporation

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The Medina County Economic Development Corporation provides professional, comprehensive assistance to a wide variety of economic development clients. As an important first point of contact for business resources, MCEDC offers a facilities and site selection database, assistance with business expansion and relocation, tax abatement information and assistance, workforce and training development, transportation infrastructure and shipping resources information and market

information and demographics. The corporation also serves as a liaison with major utilities companies and facilitates regional and state loans and programs.

Medina County Workforce Development Center

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Employers can locate skilled employees and training for their incumbent workers through Medina County Department of Workforce Development.

Minority Business Development Center

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The Minority Business Development Center provides outreach to the minority business community through management, technical, financial and contract procurement assistance. The center also offers loan, grant and bond packaging services and certification assistance at a local level throughout the state. MBDC also helps minority businesses in accessing various state programs, such as the Ohio Industrial Training Program, revolving loans programs and other business assistance programs.

NorTech (Northeast Ohio Technology Coalition)

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NorTech leads the technology agenda for a 21 county region in Northeast Ohio with the goal of making this region one of the top ten places in the world to live, learn, work and invest by the year 2020. NorTech's major initiatives include aligning and connecting technology and innovation leaders and resources, securing and leveraging funding for early-stage, technology-based projects, and leading and nurturing the most promising projects and initiatives in an effort to create new industries and a more globally-competitive economy.

North Coast Angel Fund

Claiborne Rankin, Managing Member

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North Coast Angel Fund is a contributed capital and "sidecar" pre-seed investment fund with a focus on early-stage technology investments. NCAF's target average investment is \$200,000 to \$300,000 and typically takes the form of preferred equity securities. The fund's members, which include some of the region's leading investors, entrepreneurs and business leaders, play an active role by generating deal flow, serving on due diligence teams and working with portfolio companies. Members offer significant experience and expertise in product development, sales, marketing, management, information technology and follow-on financing.

Northeast Ohio Four County Planning and Development Organization (NEFCO)

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Formed in 1974 as a council of governments by Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne county elected officials, NEFCO is a voluntary organization that enables discussion of problems facing the region and development of strategies to cope with them. NEFCO also serves as a forum through which local, state and federal planning programs can be coordinated more effectively. Through communication, planning, coordination and technical assistance, NEFCO addresses issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries such as the environment, economic development, transportation, housing, and land development. Through its programs and actions NEFCO serves as an advocate for regional cooperation.

NEOSA (Northeast Ohio Software Association)

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NEOSA is a industry-led, industry-driven organization of more than 700 member companies that promotes the advancement of the technology community and information technology industry of Northeast Ohio. In 2004, NEOSA merged with

COSE. NEOSA's key strategic initiatives include information technology industry development, member business development, member education and training, workforce development and advocacy.

Frequent networking events, educational programs and quarterly Technology Forums are offered.

Northeast Ohio Trade and Economic Consortium (NEOTEC)

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The Northeast Ohio Trade and Economic Consortium is a regional economic development partnership formed to promote trade, business growth and economic opportunities throughout Northeast Ohio. NEOTEC assists area companies through the administration of three important programs: promoting international trade and offering cost savings through Foreign-Trade Zone #181, providing export counseling assistance through the regional International Trade Assistance Center, and improving market access through well-defined logistics initiatives addressed by the Northeast Ohio Logistics Network.

Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM)

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The Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy are community-based,

public institutions focused on the interdisciplinary training of health professionals, offering both a doctor of medicine and a doctor of pharmacy degree. The colleges' educational partners include teaching hospitals, community pharmacies, two boards of health and four northeast Ohio public universities. Through these and other collaborative arrangements, the colleges participate in the Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health program and offer graduate-level coursework and research opportunities leading to master's and doctoral degrees in biomedical sciences and biomedical engineering.

Northern Ohio IT Alliance

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The Northern Ohio IT Alliance was formed to provide an opportunity for information technology professionals to interact. Ohio has a network of regional IT alliances that serve as focal points for IT related activities in their areas. The programs encourage the growth and development of IT businesses and infrastructure in our state.

Northern Ohio Minority Business Council

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The Northern Ohio Minority Business Council helps minority businesses of all sizes in Northern

Ohio meet challenges and seize opportunities. NOMBC facilitates corporate and minority business enterprises relationships, advocates and coordinates development efforts, and provides access to educational, managerial and technical assistance.

Ohio Department of Development

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Working with communities and businesses, the Ohio Department of Development promotes economic opportunities to improve the profits and prosperity of Ohio's citizens. The department acting in a support role provides financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future. As a cabinet level agency, the department oversees a full portfolio of programs, including business attraction and retention, small business growth, technology commercialization, export promotion, travel promotion, energy efficiency, affordable housing, community infrastructure, downtown revitalization and brownfield clean-up.

Ohio Polymer Strategy Council

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The Ohio Polymer Strategy Council is a united and

dynamic group of senior industry, academic and government leaders working collectively as a driving force to strengthen Ohio's polymer industry and to accelerate the transformation of the industry to extend its position of global leadership. OPSC works to define initiatives of strategic importance, assist in setting programming and funding priorities, advise the state legislature and industry, stimulate investment in Ohio-based research by federal and state governments and provide leadership to accelerate the commercialization of emerging technologies.

Ohio Supercomputer Center

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The Ohio Supercomputer Center provides supercomputing, networking, research and educational resources to diverse industry and community groups. OSC aims to empower clients, partner strategically to develop new research and business opportunities, and lead Ohio's knowledge economy. The Blue Collar Computing program helps small- to medium-sized industries that do not currently have the time, money or expertise to invest in computational resources.

Ohio TechAngels Fund

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The Ohio TechAngels is a group of more than 200

active investors, who have launched two separate contributed capital funds totaling over \$8 million. The group seeks to find, fund and mentor Ohio's most promising entrepreneurs, who are developing high-growth businesses, predominantly in the life sciences, information technology and physical sciences market sectors.

Ohio Venture Association (OVA)

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The Ohio Venture Association is a group of Northeast Ohio businesspeople dedicated to providing an atmosphere for the interchange of ideas on entrepreneurship, new ventures and venture capital. The association provides a scheduled forum for this interchange.

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PolyInsight is an independent analytical services company specializing in atomic-force microscopy techniques for characterizing the nanostructure of a wide variety of materials. Typical applications, which can benefit from scanning-probe techniques, include the morphology and texture of polymer blends; the dispersion of nano-fillers in polymers and composites; surface films and functional coatings; fiber-reinforced composites; and multi-

layered materials. PolyInsight offers characterization of materials using state-of-the-art equipment and Ph.D.-level expertise in the interpretation of data, combined with the speed and agility of a small analytical services company.

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PolymerOhio is an industry connecting and networking group that is focused on enhancing the global competitiveness and growth of Ohio's plastics, rubber and advanced materials industry. PolymerOhio provides a broad range of value-added programs and services to Ohio's polymer industry and members, representing the entire value chain of production from design, materials and equipment through toolmakers and processors. Including academic institutions, development resources and service providers, PolymerOhio's resources have a deep understanding of the polymer materials and processes and the products derived from these materials.

Portage County Office of Economic Development

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The Portage County Office of Economic Development encourages business growth and assists companies willing to locate in Portage County. Services include confidential assistance

locating, industrial sites and buildings, financing, property tax incentives and the Ohio Incentive Programs.

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The Sherwin Williams CRADLE offers free incubator space to companies that agree to give Sherwin Williams free access to all technology developed there.

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As a nonprofit organization, ShoreBank Enterprise Cleveland focuses on business development, with a goal of building minority owned businesses to generate wealth. ShoreBank's services include loan and equity investments from two enterprise finance funds: ShoreBridge Capital and the ShoreGrowth Fund. ShoreBank also operates the Glenville Enterprise Center with affordable office space and business support services.

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Small Business Administration

The United States Small Business Administration helps Americans start, build and grow businesses. Since its founding in 1953, SBA has delivered about 20 million loans, loan guarantees, contracts, counseling sessions and other forms of assistance to small businesses.

Akron District Office

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Cleveland District Office

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SBA's Cleveland District Office serves 28 counties in northern Ohio, providing financial, technical and contracting assistance to entrepreneurs.

Small Business Development Center

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Ohio's Small Business Development Centers strive to provide high-quality, customer-driven business consulting, education and information to help clients

achieve their growth plans. SBDC also serves as a link to other local, state and national business service providers. Services include general and specialty counseling, business plan development, financial analysis, capital resource information, business workshops and seminars, management training and strategic planning.

International Trade Assistance Center Program

Located in six Small Business Development Centers throughout the state, the International Trade Assistance Center Program offers expert business consulting, trade lead development, international market research and marketing plan development assistance, direct or indirect export strategic plan development assistance and market readiness assessment. The program also provides export resource and reference materials, and overseas trade shows and missions access.

Stark Development Board, Inc.

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Stark Development Board, Inc. offers incentives and financing for businesses willing to expand or relocate to Stark County and works closely with area realtors, Chambers of Commerce, developers and private owners to keep the county's most accurate, up-to-date listing of available properties. SDB also provides assistance in business networking and workforce development.

Stark State College of Technology

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Stark State College of Technology is a two-year, fully accredited, state college offering associate degrees, one-year certificates and certificates of advanced competency in business technologies, engineering technologies, health technologies, information technologies, public service technologies and general studies. The college also offers contract training services at the college or on-site at companies and continuing education.

Summa Health Systems

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Summa Health professionals conduct benchtop, laboratory, preclinical and clinical evaluations of new medical devices and drugs, as well as performing biocompatibility testing. Summa puts individual researchers and businesses in contact with medical professionals who can help with suggesting possible applications for new technologies.

Summit Business Partnership

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Modeled after successful private sector customer satisfaction programs, the Summit Business Partnership is a service delivery system to satisfy, retain and grow businesses already located in Summit County. The program includes face-to-face meetings between business owners and outreach

personnel, a team of government and economic development service providers, and a technology system that enables members of the partnership to share information and respond quickly to needs of other businesses.

Summit College

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Summit College helps to further the goals and purposes of The University of Akron by emphasizing a relentless focus on the learner, and a commitment to providing all students with the tools necessary to succeed. Summit College provides students with the means to examine academic and career opportunities considering interests, abilities and achievements, as well as a philosophy of learning as a lifelong experience. The college offers quality instruction with credentialed, qualified and experienced professors who routinely use the greater Akron community as a "laboratory" for achieving educational goals. Summit College also provides industry, business, government agencies, health-care establishment and human service occupations with pre-service and in-service training for entry-level positions or advancement in employment.

Summit County Department of Community & Economic Development

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The Summit County Department of Community & Economic Development has assisted hundreds of

businesses with tax incentives, which resulted in retaining and creating thousands of jobs. In an effort to assist companies in new technology, SCDCED offers a technology-training grant to fund programs through which employees will learn skills to better compete in today's economy. The department also offers programs to assist communities and various non-profit organizations in completing local projects that otherwise may have been postponed.

Summit County Job and Family Services

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The Department of Job and Family Services is at the forefront of the county's welfare reform effort. The primary goal of the department is to assist citizens in obtaining and maintaining employment, including providing education and training in areas that will best suit the clients to find gainful employment.

Summit County Port Authority

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The Summit County Port Authority provides cost-effective, tax-exempt and taxable financing and trade advantages to businesses expanding or relocating in or near the county. The Port Authority provides its financing throughout Northeast Ohio.

Through management of several foreign-trade zone sites, and working with local communities, the Port Authority strives to enhance community development and quality of life in Northeast Ohio.

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Team NEO markets Northeast Ohio to attract business investment in targeted industry clusters. As a joint venture of the largest metro chambers, representing 4 million people in 16 counties, Team NEO serves as a central resource, informing and serving those considering investment in Northeast Ohio.

United States Export Assistance Center

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Representing the U.S. Department of Commerce in northern Ohio, the Northeast Ohio United States Export Assistance Centers seek to provide comprehensive solutions to international trade challenges. USEACs help U.S. firms realize their export potential through a range of services that include expert counseling, advice and advocacy, research on overseas markets and industries, promotion of companies' products and services in

overseas markets and finding international partners.

University Park Alliance

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The mission of the University Park Alliance (UPA) is to revitalize the diverse neighborhoods in a 40-block area immediately surrounding the University of Akron, through engaging the community and catalyzing real estate & business investment. UPA was established through a major grant from The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and is comprised of partners including The University of Akron, City of Akron, Summa Health System, Akron Beacon Journal, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, the Greater Akron Chamber, Akron Public Schools, and the University Park Development Corporation.

Young Professionals of Akron

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Young Professionals of Akron is a non-profit organization focused on connecting young professionals through community and social events.

Youngstown Business Incubator (YBI)

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The Youngtown Business Incubator is a charitable, non-profit corporation, funded in part by the Ohio Department of Development. Its primary mission is to accelerate the startup and growth rates of scalable technology-based businesses in the greater Mahoning Valley, with a focus on the development of business to business software application companies. All services, including furnished office space, are provided at no cost to qualified startup companies.

Youngstown State University

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Youngstown State University provides open access to high-quality education through a broad range of affordable certificate, associate, baccalaureate, and graduate programs. The university is dedicated to outstanding teaching, scholarship and service and to forging connections among these three interactive components of its mission. YSU is also committed to fostering student-faculty relationships that enrich teaching and learning, develop scholarship, and encourage public service, as well as advancing the intellectual, cultural and economic life of the state and region.

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YSU Metro College

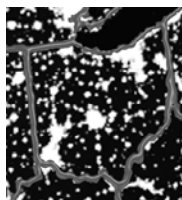
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YSU Metro College offers opportunities for workforce development and continuing education.

For updated information on Northeast Ohio wealth creation resources, visit www.uakron.edu/research.

To submit an organization to be considered for inclusion in the next edition of this guide, email eb38@uakron.edu.



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Marc Imhoff, a biologist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, was interested in measuring the spatial extent of urbanization rather than population counts. He reasoned that satellite pictures of city lights would serve that purpose. Thus, the brightest areas of the Earth are the most urbanized, but not necessarily the most populated. See more at visibleearth.nasa.gov.



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