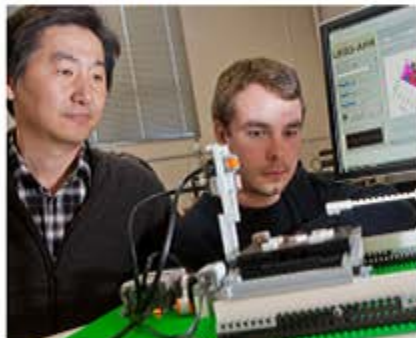




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Invitation for Expressions of Interest: Rhode Island Innovation Campus

The state of Rhode Island is building an Innovation Campus to bridge the gap between our universities' research capacity and the commercialization of that research into new products, businesses and jobs. The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (RICC), in partnership with the University of Rhode Island (URI), has issued an invitation for expressions of interest which offers a unique opportunity for interested industry, academic, development and research partners to support our innovation and social enterprise ecosystem and to receive funds allocated from a \$20M million bond approved by RI voters.

"I invite you to engage with us and to provide your vision of a transformative project that will bring these kinds of industry-academic partnerships to Rhode Island to build on some of the incredible strengths of our State. This is a moment in which Rhode Island is making the critical investments necessary to build the infrastructure of the future, so that some of the world's best researchers and business minds can do what they do best – innovate and create the industries of the future."

- Governor, Gina M. Raimondo

A visionary programming concept and physical design will maximize the collaboration and opportunities across industry, academic, and research tenants. As illustrated the figure below, the Innovation Campus may, among other things, include a diversity of spaces and uses. National innovation campus precedents including Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research, Tannery Innovation Center, and the Bridge @ Cornell Tech (visit commerceri.com/ri-innovation-campus/ for more detail) demonstrate the value of physical facilities dedicated to close collaboration between academic and industry partners.



Focus Areas:

Ocean Sciences, Defense & Maritime
 Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, IoT & IT
 Bioscience, Neuroscience, & The Silver Economy
 Offshore Energy & Renewables
 Financial Technology "FinTech"
 Custom & Advanced Manufacturing

Submission Deadline: September 15, 2017