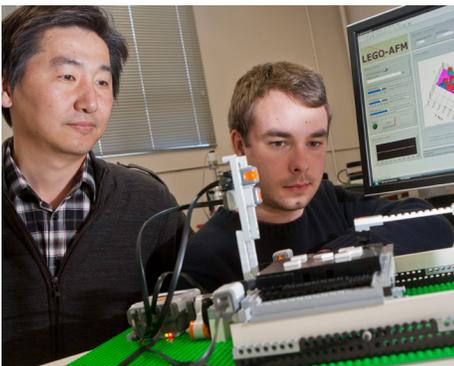




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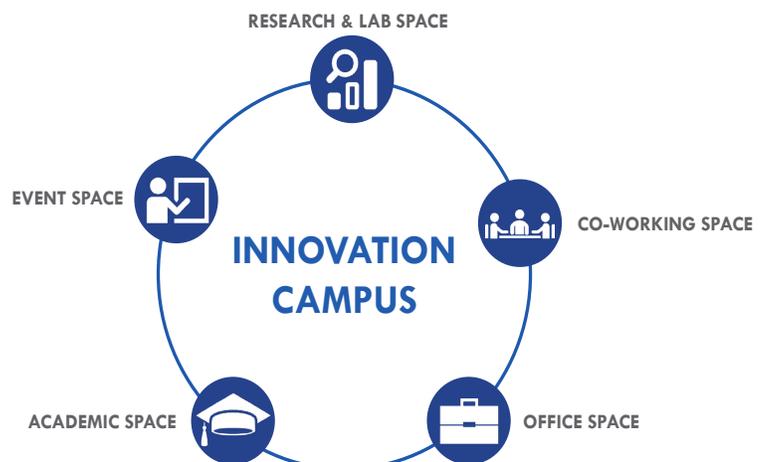
Invitation for Expressions of Interest: Rhode Island Innovation Campus

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.



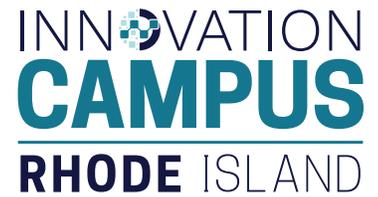
Focus Areas:

- 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

The Vision

A transformative center for the transfer of research capacity in one or more of Rhode Island's core areas of strength. The Innovation Campus should bolster RI's strengths as a leader in innovation nationwide.



Responses to this invitation should provide the following elements in a Project Vision:

1. A narrative description of the respondents' interest in committing substantial resources to the growth of Rhode Island's innovation economy and the respondents' understanding of opportunities for industry and academic collaboration to significantly contribute to this goal within key industries.
2. A descriptive vision for the intended programmatic concept, including research focus or focuses, proposed industry academic tenants and programs and collaboration opportunities. Additionally, a description of the initial concept for the physical design of the facility should be provided, and may potentially include envisioned scale, location, types of facilities, and use of space by proposed tenants. An outline of the financing, including the final match, that the respondents will or will attempt to incorporate in the final proposal must be provided.

The Respondents should also provide the following elements within a Statement of Qualifications:

1. A description of the background and capabilities of the entity or entities included in the response.
2. A description of the intended role of the entity or entities included in the response as a partner in the Innovation Campus.
3. Examples of relevant experience necessary to successfully execute the vision for an Innovation Campus including experience with public-private collaboration and contributions to innovation initiatives.

Funds will be allocated from \$20M approved by RI voters and must be met with at least equal amounts of funding from non-state sources. Other state incentives may be applicable. Projects requesting under \$5M will not be considered.

Submission Schedule

The RICC will initiate a solicitation process in Fall 2017 with the release of a Request for Proposals. Activity and discussions related to the Invitation for Expressions of Interest shall precede and inform the formal RICC procurement process. There is no opportunity for funds to be awarded during this period.

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| Invitation release | May 31, 2017 |
| Deadline for submission of questions | July 14, 2017 |
| Answers to questions posted | August 4, 2017 |
| Expressions of Interest submissions due | September 15, 2017 |
| RFP release | Fall 2017 |
| RFP submissions due | Winter 2018 |
| RICC designation of partner(s) | Spring 2018 |

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