

Tech Innovation Center Launches in Metrowest

Southborough Location Selected to Accelerate Market Entry for Regional Entrepreneurs

TechSandBox, Inc. (March 27, 2013; Southborough, MA) – TechSandBox, an innovation center and accelerator, announces its official launch and facility opening.

A destination for science and technology entrepreneurs and related stakeholders, TechSandBox incorporated in Massachusetts, added a formal Board of Directors, and attracted several key Sponsors. “Successful area entrepreneurs and well-respected service providers have been helping generate pre-launch momentum for TechSandBox” stated Barbara Finer, CEO. “We’ve also been holding pre-launch meetings with regional economic development committees in towns like Marlboro and Hopkinton, with the state, and with local property owners who are seeing the value in bringing cohesion to our dispersed group of science- and technology-based startups. By providing us with a physical space, Becker College is the thought-leader that has stepped up to the plate to help us get started.”

“Excellence in academics and entrepreneurship are hallmarks of the Becker College educational experience,” said Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D., President. “Our support of TechSandBox resonates with our mission and is also critical to ensuring that Massachusetts continues to lead the way in science and technology collaboration and innovation. This will not only serve to create a pipeline of vital development in our region, but, ultimately, can have a great impact on our global society.”

In partnership with Becker College, TechSandBox will launch at the College’s Southborough facilities, formerly used by the College’s Center for Accelerated & Professional Studies. “The success of our programs for adult learners has enabled us to consolidate all classes to the College’s Worcester Campus,” said Colleen L. Bielitz, M.S., Dean of the Center. “This helps us to better serve our adult student population and affords access to a wide range of support services that provide them with a holistic educational experience. Our partnership with TechSandBox will provide Becker with opportunities for consultation and the ability to design relevant training programs to the organizations with whom we will partner.”

The 5,500-square-foot facility is located at 337 Turnpike Road in Southborough, about a mile east of I495 on Rt. 9. It has facilities for a co-working entrepreneurs’ bullpen, panels and seminars, and networking events.

David Diamond, a Westborough resident, CEO of Precision Fabricators and TechSandBox Advisor added, “This is precisely the kind of venture that is needed in Metrowest to leverage the intellectual capital that is both active and latent in the region. Talented individuals and companies will have a fertile environment to flourish at a significantly lower capital cost than alternatives in Boston.”

James Geshwiler, Managing Director of the angel capital group Boston CommonAngels, agrees with David, “The Metrowest area has a critical mass of experienced entrepreneurs, managers and technical experts who now can be more efficient and effective by meeting and collaborating locally. This effort complements others throughout the region to help the Massachusetts entrepreneurial ecosystem.”

“We couldn’t have started without the support of hundreds of helpful people in our eco-system and especially our Founding Sponsors,” stated Finer. In addition to Becker College, other supporters are



Morse, Barnes-Brown & Pendleton, Wolf, Greenfield and Sacks, and Alexander, Aronson and Finning.

TechSandBox is in the process of organizing a launch event within the next several weeks.

About TechSandBox, Inc.

The Mission of TechSandBox is to accelerate the success of science and technology entrepreneurs based in the 30+ cities and towns located near the I495, I90, Route 9 corridors of Massachusetts.

As a physical destination, the goal of TechSandBox is to facilitate access to information, education, and expertise, and inspire the sense of community and collaboration necessary to attract, grow and retain exciting businesses.

Programs include panels developed in cooperation with key professional associations, networking events, and special interest groups. The area's first co-working bullpen for tech startups are part of the facility.

About Becker College

The Princeton Review ranks [Becker College](#) as one of the best 377 colleges in the U.S. and Becker's undergraduate video game design program as one of the top two in Massachusetts and top 10 nationwide. In 2011, Becker was designated by the Patrick-Murray administration as host of the Massachusetts Digital Games Institute (MassDiGI). Becker serves 1,800 students from across the country and around the world and offers a wide range of quality degree programs that launch careers, from nursing to veterinary science, and a variety of adult learning options. More than 50% of Becker students are enrolled in STEM-based programs of study. With campuses in Worcester and Leicester, Mass., Becker College traces its history from the union of two Massachusetts educational institutions—one founded in 1784 and the other in 1887—and has over 18,000 alumni worldwide.

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