To enable those with ideas for physical products, to create and recognize their dreams, to help them build businesses, make things and put people to work right here in Michigan!

JANUARY 2021

Dan Radomski, Executive Director

Renew in the New Year
No doubt 2020 was a rough year...we are all glad to see it go. A new year brings with it a COVID vaccine, a new federal administration and a pathway to better days.

For Centrepolis, it also brings an increased focus to support hardware physical product commercialization of cleantech and renewable technologies including climatech, recycling and circular economy innovations. Read more>>

FEATURED CLIENT

GBS is a leader in battery repair, remanufacture, repurpose and recycling--with a mission to deliver a sustainable approach to battery life cycle management and a vision to improve the lives of people who make, store and use energy. Learn more>>

FEATURED PARTNER

As an engineering solutions and product development company, rapid time to market of new products across several industry sectors is a unique value proposition delivered to clients via DEPs world class engineers and the DEP MeshWorks platform. Learn more>>

INDUSTRY SUPPORT

U.P. Food Processing Support Program Pitch Competition
Applications Open Jan. 8 - Jan. 25
The Upper Michigan Food Processing Support Program, hosted by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Small Business Development Center,
Academic Research Survey Request – Industry 4.0 Supply Chain Digitization
Conducted jointly by Western Michigan University’s (WMU) Integrated Supply Management (ISM) Program and supply chain software and services technology firm IndustryStar. Industry 4.0 encompasses every company department and covers a growing list of confusing buzz words. The intent of this survey is to facilitate clarity by uncovering opportunities for supply chain digitization; defined as the use of software technologies in the areas of big data, cloud, automation, machine learning, and artificial intelligence.

ACCELERATOR PROGRAMS

Industry 4.0 Accelerator
Cleantech Hardware
Manu-Tech Virtual Incubator
Design for Manufacturing
Supply Chain
NextCycle Michigan

NEXTCYCLE MICHIGAN

Centropolis is partner to RRS (Resource Recycling Systems) and EGLE (MI Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy) in launching the NextCycle Michigan program. NextCycle Michigan provides an opportunity for businesses, investors, NGOs, trade organizations, and others to contribute significantly to the growth of recycling and the circular economy in Michigan. The program utilizes innovation challenges to globally crowdsource the best technologies and ideas to improve the repurposing of waste streams that are difficult to recycle or reuse.

OPPORTUNITIES & FUNDING RESOURCES

Business Accelerator Fund Grant (BAF)
For business accelerators in Michigan’s statewide SmartZone network.

Clean Energy Trust Member Circle
Stay current on the Mid-Continent’s innovation ecosystem and Clean Energy Trust’s domain expertise in clean energy and sustainable technologies. Contact Susie Spigelman to learn more.

Cleantech Open Accelerator
Applications now open to early stage entrepreneurs.

EGLE Energy Storage Roadmap
The roadmap will aid in achieving adaptable, affordable, reliable energy and environmentally protective actions for Michigan’s future.

EGLE Small Manufacturers Energy Waste Reduction - Matching grants up to $15K per applicant for energy

Michigan Pre-Seed Fund III - Michigan Rise
This $3M fund is designed to support entrepreneurs and tech startups across MI through capital support, coaching, assistance with grant funding and more.

MI SBIR/STTR Assistance Program
Helps qualified early-stage MI technology companies to be more competitive in this national proposal and award process.

MEDC Export & International Trade Office
Supporting MI businesses that want to start or expand export activities.

The Michigan Match Assistance Pilot Program (MMAPP)
Provides cost share support to eligible MI businesses that were awarded a federal clean energy technology development grant.

SBDC Tech Team
Elemental Excelerator
Seeking 15-20 startups from any country in the world focused on addressing challenges in energy, mobility, agriculture, water or the circular economy.

Emerging Technologies Fund
Provides matching dollars to support commercialization of SBIR/STTR projects.

First Capital Fund
Provides early-stage investment capital to high-tech startups.

Invest Detroit
Funding Michigan-based high-growth tech startups throughout the early stages of development to find product-market fit and prepare for scale.

Shell Game Changer Program
Works with start-ups who have an early-stage technology solution that tackles a challenge relevant to our business and the energy industry. In turn, seed funding, professional coaching, and access to markets is provided.

TCNewTech
Pitch, Network, Win $500! TCNewTech is looking for pitches every first Tuesday of the month.

UM Economic Growth Institute Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms (TAAF)
A federal program specifically designed to help American manufacturers that have been hurt by foreign competition.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Co-Working
Starting @ $225 p/month

Dedicated Workspace
Starting @ $325 p/month

Dedicated Office
Starting @ $425 p/month

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Glow Path Pavers - Produces self-illuminating products that add a nighttime glow that is ideal for landscape walkways, stairs, outdoor activity spaces, and more. Contact: Jeremy Eckhous, Co-Founder

Head Hunters - Specializing in the recruitment and placement of professionals through the means of direct hire, executive search, and staff augmentation. Contact Bill Wednieski, Managing Director

Intecells - Building solutions at the intersection of battery manufacturing and cold plasma technology--making batteries more energy-dense, safer, and highly adaptable to emerging designs. Contact: Shawn Gayden, CEO

Toad Opener - Eliminating the need to touch dirty or dangerous door handles, open doors with your foot. Contact: Nick Moritz, Co-founder

Qualified 3D - Skipping the prototype tooling stage, a printing service bureau specializing in precision parts in qualified materials. Contact: Pierre Viaud-Murat

DISCOUNTED PARTNER SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CENTREPOLIS MEMBERS

Centrepolis Accelerator members benefit from the expertise of our extensive partner network. These free and discounted services available will help take your business ideas to the next level. View our full list here.
RESOURCES

**20Fathoms**
Northwestern Michigan's tech community for the region’s entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs, tech professionals, creatives, and other innovators. Led by a team of experts providing services, resources, support, and a robust network to help members accelerate both their careers and businesses. [Learn more>>](#)

**MichiganEIBC**
Growing Michigan’s advanced energy economy by fostering opportunities for innovation and business growth and offering a unified voice in creating a business-friendly environment for the advanced energy industry in Michigan. [Learn more>>](#)

**Michigan PPE Manufacturers**
Local manufacturing network partners providing critical PPE medical supplies (face shields, masks, hospital gowns, nasal swabs, and more)
Watch MITechNews interview [here](#).

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**Centrepolis Inaugural Client Awardees**
- Best Hardware Product Commercialized - [MaxPro](#)
- Best Manufacturing Technology - [Flash Steelworks](#)
- Best Cleantech Company - [Rhombus Energy](#)
- Best Covid-19 Response Product - [Tygrus](#)
- Best Covid-19 Business Pivot - [Qualified3D](#)
- Lifetime Hardware Achievement Award - [David Bolognino](#)

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