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!

JULY 2020

Dan Radomski, Director
Centrepolis Accelerator

In my nearly 2 years as Director of the Centrepolis Accelerator, I am very proud to announce that we have helped commercialize 9 new products in the last 18 months -- most of which have been completely designed, engineered, prototyped, tested and manufactured right here in our home state of Michigan! Read more>>

David Bolognino, Expert-in-Residence
Centrepolis Accelerator

The process of helping LTU-CA clients create physical products is an exciting and rewarding part of my role as Expert in Residence. In that role, just like in my 35-year career in the auto industry, I often see inventors and designers succumb to the temptation to have the physical prototype serve as the exclusive outcome of their work. Read more>>

OUR FEATURED CLIENT

BOLLINGER MOTORS

Robert Bollinger
CEO & Founder

Bollinger Motors has developed, engineered, and produced the world’s only all-electric Class 3 truck!

They have created an environmentally friendly truck that can withstand the toughest situations thrown at it, while still performing at the highest level.

Learn more >>

Headquartered in MI, its founder, has assembled a brilliant team of engineers, technicians, and strategists to help design and produce these vehicles. Bollinger Motors is currently testing it’s EV’s at Lawrence Technological University and will be selling their vehicles in 2021.

OUR FEATURED PARTNER

Munro offers their Design Profit cost estimating software and Lean Product Design Assessments at discounts for Centrepolis clients.
Sandy Munro
CEO
With a proven track record of helping companies reduce their time to market, engineering, and manufacturing costs, Munro specializes in design for manufacturability, cost reduction, cost estimating, product benchmarking.

FEATURED EVENTS

View our full list here>>

Jun. 17 | Prerecorded Webinar| How do I Prepare my Company for Investors
Presented by:
Lee Kellert, Jaffe Law and Dan Radomski, Centrepolis Accelerator

Jun. 24 | Prerecorded Webinar| Selling Your Products Online; Best Practices Revealed by Experts!
Presented by:
Dan Radomski, Centrepolis Accelerator; Jeff Wenzel, Woodshed Agency; Hardy Segall, Function Post and Marla Boegarts, Full Circle Wins

Jul. 13 | Livestream Only Event | Industry 4.0 In Focus Episode 01: Inside the Report—2020 Key Findings & Velocity Index
Register here!
Click here for additional Industry 4.0 In Focus Episodes

Aug. 10th-14th | Virtual Investor Trek for Midwest Co.'s
Do you qualify ...
- As a startup focused in the Technology sector
- Plan to raise a Seed or Series A round of $1MM-$10MM within the next 3-6 months
- Have a developed MVP at a minimum
- Primary office based in the Midwest (IL, IA, IN, OH, MI, MO, MN, WI, KY)
Apply here! Deadline: Friday, Jul 10th

U.S. Department of Energy – Summer 2020 Webinar Series
This series will connect early- and growth-stage companies, accelerators and incubators, and university entrepreneurial scientists and engineers to the Department of Energy's latest program initiatives and partnering opportunities.

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2020 | HARDWARE TECH SUMMIT
This one-day virtual conference will highlight top "physical product" innovators, local and global hardware-focused investors, Michigan manufacturers and engineering firms, and other resources to help hardware innovators scale for success.
This event will also include a virtual pitch competition. Details coming soon!
**OPPORTUNITIES & FUNDING RESOURCES**

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

**Clean Energy Trust Member Circle** - Looking to stay current on the Mid-Continent’s innovation ecosystem? Interested in tapping into Clean Energy Trust’s domain expertise in clean energy and sustainable technologies? Join our Member Circle, a new model for partnering with our stakeholders. Contact Susie Spigelman to learn more.

**Cleantech Open Accelerator** - Applications now open to early stage entrepreneurs.

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

**Shell GameChanger 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

**DISCOUNTED PARTNER SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CENTREPOLIS MEMBERS**

View our full list [here >>](#)

Centropolis Accelerator members benefit from the expertise of our extensive partner network. Selected from the area’s best and brightest, these free and discounted services available will help take your business ideas to the next level.
ACCELERATOR PROGRAMS

![Industry 4.0 Accelerator](image1.jpg)

![Cleantech Hardware](image2.jpg)

![Manu-Tech Virtual Incubator](image3.jpg)

What our clients have to say...

Centrepolis Accelerator has provided critical support in our product development efforts including strategic planning, fund raising, connections to Michigan suppliers and the use of the LTU chassis dyno to test our beta vehicles.

Robert Bollinger, CEO & Founder
Bollinger Motors

RESOURCES

**Michigan Small Business Restart Program.**
The Michigan Strategic Fund approved a $100 million program that will provide grants to small businesses around Michigan working to recover from the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 virus.

**Michigan EIBC Event Looks at Opportunities for Startups and Entrepreneurs-Bring your own lunch (& learn) webinar**
Guest speakers - Judy Li of Energy Foundry and Dan Radomski of Lawrence Technological University. Judy and Dan discuss the current entrepreneurial landscape in the advanced energy industry in Michigan and the Midwest.

**Michigan PPE Manufacturers**
View the full list here of local manufacturing network partners providing critical PPE medical supplies (face shields, masks, hospital gowns, nasal swabs, etc.). Watch full MITechNews interview here.

**Industry 4.0 Show**
The first of its kind in the U.S. with the goal to help small and medium-sized technology and manufacturing companies along their digital transformation journeys, Industry 4.0 webcasts will take place every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Learn more>>

**City of Southfield | Business Development**
During this challenging time there are federal, state, county and local resources available to help your business grow and thrive. For more information, contact Rochelle Freeman, Business & Economic Development Director

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