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Accelerating Creatives & Entrepreneurs & ACE Event

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Makerspaces

RRDP

SWIFTT

Coaches

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SCORE

Events, Clubs

ACCELERATING CREATIVES & ENTREPRENEURS REGIONAL

1 Million Cups ThinkBig Expo

Fast-pitch

ACE Expo

Minority Resources

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SWIFTT

ThinkBig

Black Chamber

Hispanic Chamber

IL DCEO

Courses & Workshops

Libraries

Innov8 & Cre8 Podcasts

Start-up Weekend

Venture Program

Makerspaces

Rockford Makerspace

Rockford Public Library

Discovery center

Rockford Public Schools

Academic Programs

Rockford University Kikifers Academy RPS 205 **Funding**

RLDC

Angels

Banks

Prototyping

Eigerlab

Makerspaces



Future State

Imagine if we are a globally recognized hub for aspiring entrepreneurs and innovative companies. What would that look like?

Why Is it important?

An Innovation ecosystem creates an active flow of information to transform ideas into reality. It guides entrepreneurs to launch innovative solutions. Innovative communities diversify the economy and draw in talent making it a more desirable destination for growth.

Objectives

SUPPORT NETWORKS: Build a network for entrepreneurs and innovators to quickly and easily navigate to the resources they need for their ideas.

BRAINPOWER: Increase innovation and entrepreneurship talent in our region.

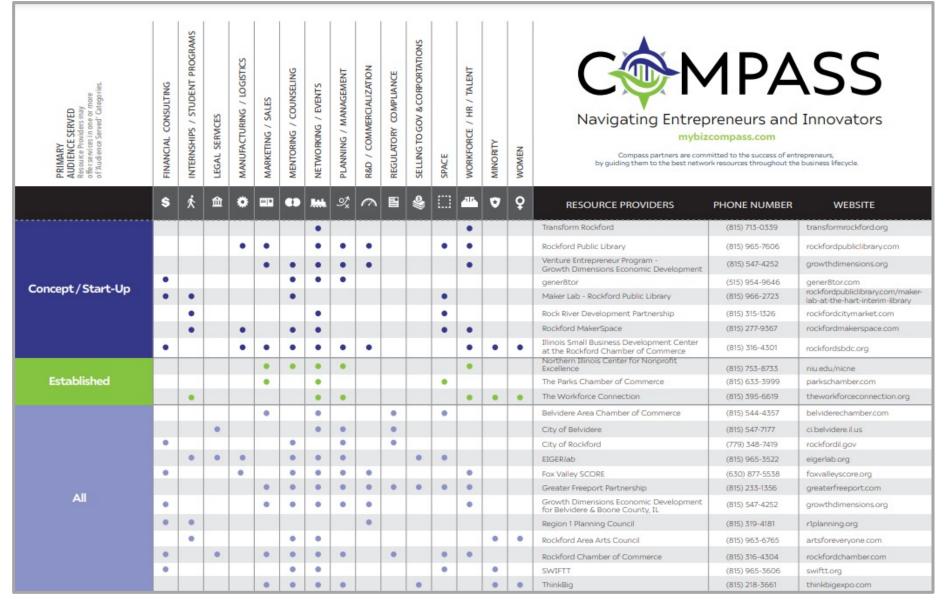
QUALITY PLACES: Develop infrastructure and environment that assists and invites innovative talent to our region.

NEW NARRATIVES: Establish and communicate the story for the strength of our region's innovation ecosystem internally and externally.



SUPPORT NETWORKS

Network of Entrepreneurial Service Providers in the Region





BRAIN POWER & TALENT

ACE – Online Resources

Launch815.com





NEW NARRATIVES

theaceevent.com

PURPOSE: Bring Entrepreneurs and Service Providers together in one space

PANEL DISCUSSIONS with entrepreneurs and their challenges

LOCATION:

Discovery Center

March 2-3, 2022

LECTURES, KEYNOTES, ROUNDTABLE, and Q&A

BOOTHS for provider services and entrepreneurial products

Focus on special challenges for **MINORITY ENTREPRENEURS**

SOCIAL in the evening to meet and connect kicked off by local Shark Tank winner





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