

Lehigh University Consortium of Technology Transfer Service Providers

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The purpose of this consortium is to distill “commercializable” technology from faculty/student/private sector collaborations. It fosters the start up of new businesses in the greater Lehigh Valley in order to create and retain Pennsylvania jobs. At the same time, it provides experiential learning opportunities for graduate and undergraduate level students.

The primary players include components of Lehigh University, including the Office of Technology Transfer, the Small Business Development Center, the Integrated Business and Engineering Program and various other centers and departments. Non-profit organization players include the Ben Franklin Technology Partners of NE Pennsylvania and Mountaintop Incubator, the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation and Southside Bethlehem Keystone Innovation Zone and the Pennsylvania Innovation Partnership. Others include the Originate Ventures Seed Fund, the Open Court, various business advisors, design IP – legal, licensing and IP consulting and support and various local economic development agencies.

The initiative would like closer alignment with additional Federal level agencies, labs, etc.