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Accelerator

Organization	Description	Website
Florida-Israel Business Accelerator	The Florida-Israel Business Accelerator (FIBA) is a business development program designed to establish and grow successful, high-growth tech ventures in Florida.	view website
Rally	Rally is an international hub for social entrepreneurs to access the required knowledge, resources, and people to transform their early-stage work into sustainable ventures that create positive social change.	view website
StarterStudio	StarterStudio is a nonprofit tech accelerator.	view website
Tampa Bay Wave	Tampa Bay Wave is a nationally recognized accelerator program that helps build, launch and grow businesses.	view website

Corporate Innovation

Organization	Description	Website
Duke Energy Corporation	Duke Energy is a leading energy company focused on electric power and gas distribution operations.	view website

Economic Development

Organization	Description	Website
Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation	Bradenton Area EDC works to create high-wage jobs and connect established businesses to resources.	view website
Central Florida Development Council (CFDC)	CFDC focuses on domestic and international business recruitment and expansion, business advocacy, facilitating collaborative partnerships and advancing strategic initiatives in Polk County.	view website
City of Orlando	The economic development team provides assistance to business owners and companies looking to locate in Orlando.	view website
Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast	The EDC of Florida's Space Coast is the official economic development organization for Brevard County.	view website
Elevate Lake, Lake County Economic Development	Elevate Lake is on a mission is to aggressively retain, attract and grow jobs in Lake County.	view website
Florida Chamber Foundation	The Florida Chamber Foundation leads Florida in future-focused research and continues to be a catalyst for positive change. But we need your help to secure Florida's future.	view website
Florida Economic Development Council	FEDC educates, advocates for, and connects Florida's economic development stakeholders.	view website
Hillsborough County Agriculture Economic Development Council	This Council initiates and assists with efforts to create a business atmosphere that is conducive to the continuation and expansion of agricultural businesses within Hillsborough County.	view website
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Metro Orlando (HCCMO)	HCCMO is the largest business-related organization representing the Hispanic community in Central Florida.	view website
Ocala Chamber + Economic Partnership	OCEP seeks to provide a positive return on investment for our partners by creating and retaining jobs and by being the one-stop shop and voice of the business community.	view website
Orange County Government Economic Development	The Economic Development department fosters a vibrant economy where creativity and innovation flourish.	view website
Orlando Economic Partnership, Orlando Tech Community	OTC is a group that collaborates with the singular focus of organizing and aligning our region's resources to accelerate progress towards an innovation-based economy.	view website

Economic Development

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Osceola County	Osceola County's NeoCity initiative is poised to serve as catalyst for high-tech innovation and creation, including jobs and capital investment.	view website
Pasco Economic Development Council (Pasco EDC)	Pasco EDC fosters economic vitality and business development opportunities in Pasco County.	view website
Pinellas County Economic Development (PCED)	PCED encourages business expansion and seeks to attract new companies with high-wage careers.	view website
Seminole County Office of Economic Development	The economic development team helps businesses locate and grow in the county.	view website
Tampa Bay Economic Development Council (EDC)	The Tampa Bay EDC is the lead designated economic development agency for Hillsborough County and nearby cities.	view website
Team Volusia EDC	Team Volusia markets and recruits businesses from outside the area to Volusia County.	view website
Volusia County Economic Development	The Division of Economic Development assists business owners and works collaboratively with local stakeholders.	view website

Funding + Capital

Organization	Description	Website
Deepwork Capital	Engaging with each of our investments as a team, supporting founders through a wide array of challenges and strategic objectives.	view website
Florida Venture Forum	FVF is Florida's largest statewide support and networking organization for venture capitalists and entrepreneurs.	view website
PS27 Ventures	PS27 Ventures is a venture capital firm helping early-stage entrepreneurs with seed funding and guidance.	view website

Incubator

Organization	Description	Website
Groundswell Startups	Groundswell is a nonprofit incubator serving Space Coast tech founders and innovators.	view website
UCF Business Incubation Program	The program provides business development and operational support to early-stage, innovative businesses.	view website
USF CONNECT	USF CONNECT facilitates access to programming, business mentors, university talent and research for startups.	view website

Innovation Center

Organization	Description	Website
Central Florida Tech Grove	Tech Grove is the nation's only innovation center specifically created to foster collaboration and the acceleration of novel, non-traditional, Modeling, Simulation, Training & Human Performance solutions to our national defense partners at Team Orlando.	view website
Florida Power & Light 35 Mules Innovation Hub	35 Mules is Florida Power & Light's innovation hub for early-stage startups.	view website

Industry Group

Organization	Description	Website
BioFlorida	BioFlorida is a statewide association with seven member-led chapters that connect life science communities across Florida.	view website
BRIDG	BRIDG is nonprofit microelectronics fabrication facility with 200mm (8-inch) wafer fab capabilities.	view website
FloridaMakes	FloridaMakes improves the competitiveness, productivity and technological performance of Florida's manufacturers.	view website
Florida Photonics Cluster	The FPC supports the growth and profitability of the photonics industry through the strength of a unified voice.	view website
National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE)	NACCE is the nation's leading co-creator and distributor of resources to transform underserved communities through community college engagement.	view website
National Center for Simulation	NCS is a national nonprofit with government, academic and industry members operating as an open consortium.	view website
Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division	NAWCTSD is the principal Navy center for R&D, test and evaluation, acquisition and product support of training systems.	view website
Space Florida	Space Florida strengthens Florida's position as a leader in aerospace research, investment, exploration and commerce.	view website
Tampa Bay Tech	Tampa Bay Tech provides annual programming, networking and initiatives to support the local tech ecosystem.	view website
Team Orlando	Team Orlando supports partnerships that bring ingenuity to the forefront of military training and simulation.	view website

Startup + Entrepreneurial Support

Organization	Description	Website
Cenfluence	Cenfluence works with local organizations to leverage synergies within the cluster community, existing regional strengths and a well-established global network to address the specific needs of Central Florida businesses.	view website
Economic Development Innovation Initiative (EDI2) of Hillsborough County	EDI2 provides grant funding and support for events and opportunities that help entrepreneurs succeed.	view website
Embarc Collective	Embarc Collective is a nonprofit hub that provides individualized support to Tampa Bay startups.	view website
Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC)	The SBDC at USF offers support for small business owners in the Tampa Bay region.	view website
GrowFL	GrowFL is Florida's only organization dedicated to supporting and accelerating the growth of second-stage companies.	view website
InLab@HCC	InLab@HCC is the central hub for innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship and social venturing at Hillsborough Community College.	view website
National Entrepreneur Center	An innovative one-stop shop to support small businesses.	view website
St. Pete Innovation District (SPID)	SPID helps generate, sharpen and accelerate the advancement of ideas in the region.	view website
startGNV	startGNV is a nonprofit dedicated to growing the innovation ecosystem of Greater Gainesville.	view website
Synapse Florida	Synapse helps entrepreneurs easily find what they need and share what they have to accelerate their success.	view website
The Mainframe	A Tampa-based nonprofit pioneering breakthrough interaction among Black tech entrepreneurs and tech talent.	view website
UCF Small Business Development Center (SBDC)	The SBDC at UCF offers support for small business owners in eight surrounding counties.	view website

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UF Collaboratory for Inclusive Entrepreneurship	The Collaboratory inspires, educates and empowers underrepresented entrepreneurs.	view website
Veteran's Entrepreneurship Initiative (VEI)	VEI empowers and supports veteran entrepreneurs through business guidance, education, and mentorship.	view website
weVENTURE at the Florida Institute of Technology	weVENTURE ignites the economic power of women and entrepreneurs.	view website

STEM + STE(A)M + Invention

Organization	Description	Website
Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention	The Cade Museum offers interactive educational programs and events to spark and celebrate innovation.	view website
Florida Inventors Hall of Fame	The FIHOF supports a culture of creativity to fuel innovation, drive economic growth and encourage investment.	view website
Foundation for Community Driven Innovation (FCDI)	FCDI supports academic achievement, economic development and the spirit of innovation through active learning projects.	view website
National Academy of Inventors	The NAI encourages inventors in academia, following the model of the National Academies of the United States.	view website
Orlando Science Center	Orlando Science Center is Central Florida's award-winning, hands-on science museum.	view website
SpaceKids Global	SpaceKids Global is on a mission to Inspire students in STEAM+ education and introduce them to the diverse careers in space exploration and technology.	view website
The AI Education Project	The AI Education Project provides curriculum and programming to help students explore tech-enabled careers.	view website

Talent + Career Development

Organization	Description	Website
CareerSource Brevard	CareerSource Brevard delivers workforce programs and related support to businesses and job seekers.	view website
CareerSource Central Florida	CareerSource Central Florida delivers workforce programs and related support to businesses and job seekers.	view website
CareerSource Flagler/Volusia	CareerSource Flagler/Volusia delivers workforce programs and related support to businesses and job seekers.	view website
CareerSource Tampa Bay	CareerSource Tampa Bay delivers workforce programs and related support to businesses and job seekers.	view website
Daytona State College	DSC offers over 100 certificate and degree programs in healthcare, engineering, computer science and more.	view website
SCF Coding Academy	The SCF Coding Academy provides industry-driven training from leading professionals, equipping motivated individuals with the essential technical skills to succeed in a digital world.	view website
Valencia State College	Valencia is recognized as one of the best colleges in the nation, offering quality, affordable education.	view website

University Research + Innovation

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Cyber Florida	Cyber Florida positions Florida as a national leader in cybersecurity through education, research and outreach.	view website
Embry-Riddle Research Park	The Embry-Riddle Research Park provides a nexus between the university's intellectual and technological resources, and the partner enterprises that benefit from unprecedented support.	view website
Florida Institute of Technology	Florida Tech is a tier-one ranked university with programs in science, engineering, aeronautics and more.	view website
Florida Polytechnic University	Florida Poly is the nation's leading institution of change, pushing the boundaries of education in STEM.	view website

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Florida Space Institute	FSI supports space research, development and education activities within UCF and member institutions in Florida.	view website
Gulf Coast Research and Education Center	The GCREC offers working research fields and state-of-the-art clean housing and laboratory facilities.	view website
University of Central Florida	UCF is a metropolitan research university built to make a better future for our students and society. We solve tomorrow's greatest challenges through a commitment to academic, inclusive and operational excellence.	view website
University of Central Florida, Advanced Materials Processing and Analysis Center (AMPAC)	AMPAC is an interdisciplinary research and education center for materials science and engineering at UCF.	view website
University of Central Florida, CREOL, The College of Optics and Photonics	The College of Optics and Photonics is a world leader in education, research and industrial partnership.	view website
University of Central Florida, Institute for Simulation and Training	IST provides cutting-edge, human-centered simulation research and a transdisciplinary graduate program.	view website
University of Central Florida, NanoScience Technology Center	The center conducts cutting-edge research in materials and nanotechnology to solve real-world challenges.	view website
University of Florida	UF drives future-making education, eye-opening discoveries, life-saving health care, and community-building collaboration for our state, our nation, and our world.	view website
University of Florida, FLEXStation	FLEX drives economic and workforce development and strengthens Florida's role in the global innovation economy.	view website
University of Florida, UF Innovate	UF Innovate houses four programs that move research discoveries from the laboratory to the market.	view website
University of South Florida	A preeminent research university in Tampa, USF empowers students to maximize their potential for lifelong success.	view website
University of South Florida, Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLS)	CAMLS is one of the world's largest, free-standing simulation facilities for training healthcare professionals.	view website
University of South Florida, Institute of Applied Engineering (IAE)	The IAE at USF delivers hardware-and-software-based applied research, advanced technology development, prototypes and technical services.	view website