



South Dakota

Innovate SoDak Economic Development Administration University Center

University

South Dakota State University

Center Director

Stephen Gent

Center Location

Crothers Engineering Hall

Center Since 2018

Center Activities

- Technical Assistance
- Entrepreneurship Support
- Applied Research Grants

Clients

- Small and medium-sized businesses
- Entrepreneurs
- Startups

Assessment Techniques

- University Resources
- Engineering Analysis
- High-Performance Computing
- Computational Fluid Dynamics

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SDSU UNIVERSITY CENTER

The goal of Innovate SoDak SDSU University Center is to strengthen South Dakota's economy by leveraging university resources to support regional industries. The Center strives to produce new high-skill workplace opportunities for young, educated workers, economically sustainable high-wage green jobs for the South Dakota economy, and investment opportunities for private venture capitalists. In addition, the center holds workshops that provide training on management techniques.

The Innovate SoDak EDA University Center assists regional companies by connecting them with university assets and experts. The support and services include:

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Our experts at SDSU will provide technical assistance regarding product/process development, engineering, machines/equipment, business models, economics, and sustainability.

BUSINESS PLANNING AND MARKETING ASSESSEMENTS

Our services range from individual coaching and consultation to ideation and commercialization programs to fully explore the market potential of an idea.

APPLIED RESEARCH

We can connect South Dakota companies with research experts at SDSU to provide technical assistance tailored to their needs. By using SDSU's state-of-the-art equipment, our researchers will provide insight in a timely and professional manner.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

With support from the talents of SDSU's faculty and staff, we offer short courses, workshops, and webinars on selected topics, including project management, team leadership, quality improvement, and the capabilities of select university technology.

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

With resources in design, testing, commercialization, and market entry, we can support product ideation and prototype development from start to finish.

LEVERAGING

The center leverages extensively the network it has built over the years with small and medium-sized businesses, as well as entrepreneurs. The center also leverages the research capacity of university to solve problems for companies.