



Lincoln & Omaha Startup Resource Directory



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EVENTS

WEEKLY

1 MILLION CUPS

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About: <http://omaha.sites.1millioncups.com/>

"1 Million Cups (1MC) is a simple way to engage entrepreneurs in communities around the world. Each week, the 1MC program offers two local entrepreneurs an opportunity to present their startups to a diverse audience of mentors, advisors, and entrepreneurs. Presenters prepare a 6 minute educational presentation and engage in 20 minutes of feedback and questioning after they present. Entrepreneurs gain insight into possible ways they can improve their businesses, gather realtime feedback, connect with a community that truly cares about their progress, and walk away feeling like they have advanced their business. The audience also learns a great deal from the presentations. Whether this is through passively listening or deeply engaging with the entrepreneurs, there is much to learn every week from these dynamic and diverse communities. The program takes place every Wednesday morning from 9:00-10:00am in locations all around the country. Visit our "Find an Event" page for a list of locations. Each city runs the program semi-autonomously, and gather in coffee shops, co-working spaces, and even TV stations."

OPEN COFFEE

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About: <http://thebigplate.com>

"Join the Startup Lincoln community every Thursday morning for **Open Coffee**. This regular, casual get together every Thursday morning will be an opportunity to share coffee, stories, insights, questions, and connections with fellow entrepreneurs, developers, designers, investors, and folks interested in building a better startup community. If you're interested in getting connected and staying connected with Lincoln's Startup community, join us."

Date: Thursday Mornings

Time: 8:00am – 9:30am

Place: Crescent Moon Coffee – 140 N 8th St, #10 Lower Level, Lincoln, NE

OPEN COFFEE @ SCC ENTREPRENEUR CENTER

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About:

<http://nbdcecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetail.action;jsessionid=5A555729F00492796D04A23F83C57BDB?ID=8336>

"Meet small business owners. Meet people in the process of starting businesses. Swap business cards! WHAT: Weekly Coffee (Informal gathering. No agendas. No RSVPs) WHEN: Every Thursday at 10:00 AM WHERE: 3rd Floor of the Entrepreneurship Center WHO: Small Business Owners, Startups, SCC Entrepreneurship Center, Nebraska Business Development Center, Community Development Resources, GROW Nebraska, Junior Achievement, Nebraska Main Street Network, SCORE, Current Incubator Businesses, Past Incubator Businesses, LPS Focus Program. Guests welcome! If you would like to sponsor one of our weekly coffees (bring donuts) and tell us about your business"

Date: Thursday Mornings

Time: 10:00am

Place: 3rd Floor of the SCC Entrepreneurship Center

FUSE FAC (FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB) (BI-WEEKLY)

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About: <http://www.fusecoworking.com/events/> <http://www.fusecoworking.com/about-us>

<https://www.facebook.com/FUSECoworking?ref=bookmarks>

"**FUSE Coworking** hosts a biweekly Friday Afternoon Club from 4 to 6. Each event features time for networking, a brief talk from an influential member of the startup community, and complimentary beer from a local brewery. For more information on the next FAC, please visit our Facebook page."

MONTHLY

GIRLS WHO CODE

Contact Name: Reshma Saujani

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About: <https://girlswhocode.com/about-us/>

"Girls Who Code programs work to inspire, educate, and equip girls with the computing skills to pursue 21st century opportunities. "

"Vision: Girls Who Code's vision is to reach gender parity in computing fields. We believe this is paramount to ensure the economic prosperity of women, families, and communities across the globe, and to equip citizens with the 21st century tools for innovation and social change. We believe that more girls exposed to computer science at a younger age will lead to more women working in the technology and engineering fields. Girls Who Code aims to provide computer science education and exposure to 1 million young women by 2020."

COFFEE & CODE

Contact Name: Shonna Dorsey

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Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/coffeeandcode/>

"Aromas in Benson on the first Tuesday of each month at 8am"

Typical Meetup Schedule

- 7:45a - 8:10a: Networking
- 8:10a - 8:15a: Group announcements
- 8:10a - 8:40a: Guest Presentation
- 8:40a - 8:50a: Q&A, Audience Announcements and random gift card giveaway from a meetup sponsor
- 8:50a - 9:00a: Networking and meeting wrap up

NBDC MONTHLY WORKSHOP

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About: <http://nbdc.unomaha.edu/events/>

August 2015 Workshop

How to Win Government Contracts Workshop (Blair), How to Win Government Contracts Workshop (OSBN), Winning Federal Contracts for Small Businesses, Simple Strategies for Better Event Marketing Irregular (Register in advance)

LEAN STARTUP CIRCLE

Contact Name: Shane Resier

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/Lean-Startup-Circle-Omaha/>

"**Lean Startup Circle** brings the Omaha & Lincoln communities together in a variety of formats to learn from each other and discuss the application of Lean Startup Principles and the Customer Development process developed by Steve Blank and refined by Eric Ries."

OMAHA ENTREPRENEURS NETWORK

Contact Name: Jonathan Steinbeck

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About: <https://www.facebook.com/OmahaEntrepreneurNetwork>

"**The Omaha Entrepreneur Network** exists to bring resources to Greater Omaha's entrepreneurs, thereby increasing entrepreneurialism and economic growth."

TEDXOMAHA SALON

Contact Name: Kathy Andersen, Adam Van Osdel, Brian Smith

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/Omaha-TED-Group/>.

"This is a casual group of people that enjoy the thought-provoking talks offered by TED.com. The group meets monthly to view talks offered by TED.com. The goals of the meetings are to learn for one's own betterment and meet others with a similar desire for knowledge."

CODER DOJO (AIM)

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Phone Number: 402.345.5025 x111

About: <http://aimforbrilliance.org/coderdojo/>

"**CoderDojos** are a global movement of open source coding sessions led by volunteer mentors from education and industry"

OPEN NEBRASKA

Contact Name: Ross Nelson

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Phone Number:

About: <http://opennebraska.io/>, <http://www.meetup.com/Open-Nebraska-Meetup/>

"**Open Nebraska** is a civic innovation organization serving the citizens of the great state of Nebraska. "

TECH TALKS

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Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/Tech-Talks-Omaha/>

STARTUP GRIND

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About: <http://startupgrind.com/council-bluffs/>

"**Startup Grind** is a global startup community designed to educate, inspire, and connect entrepreneurs."

TURBINE FLATS FIRST FRIDAY

Contact Name: Madeline Cass - Executive Director

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About: <https://www.facebook.com/turbineflats>

"A nonprofit, entrepreneurial cooperative that supports and promotes Lincoln's ideas community."

BEER & CODE

Contact Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://beerandco.de/>

<https://twitter.com/beercodelincoln>

"Take your passion for programming and love of beer and join us for our monthly Beer and Code."

Time: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 (locations vary)

LADIES LAUNCH LINCOLN (BI-WEEKLY)

Contact Name: Jill Thayer Liliedahl, Amber Pankonin

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <https://www.facebook.com/LadiesLaunchLincoln>

"We meet on the 4th Tues. to talk shop, to discuss the challenges of launching and running a business, and to build community among female founders"

LNK GAME DEVELOPERS

Contact Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://lnkgamedev.wordpress.com>

"**LNK game dev** provides a safe space to connect makers of games in the Lincoln area."

Time : First Saturday of each month (2124 Y St) | Place : Turbine Flats

YEARLY

BIG OMAHA

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About: <http://bigomaha.com/>

"**Big Omaha** is an annual conference that brings together the nation's most passionate members of the entrepreneurial community."

NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

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About: <http://entre-week.org/>

"National Entrepreneurship Week in the United States is in response to the U S House of Representatives Resolution #699, supporting an annual National Entrepreneurship Week and encouraging the celebration of it annually at the local, state, and national level. Our plans are to institutionalize it as a celebration of American entrepreneurs and the lifelong learning educational opportunities that prepare the NEW business leaders of the future. "

SPN AWARDS

About: <http://siliconprairienews.com/awards/>

Mission: "raise the visibility of tech startups in the silicon prairie region in order to connect entrepreneurs to entrepreneurs and to connect great talent with great companies."

BARCAMP OMAHA

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"Barcamp is an "un-conference" without a speaker list, without a fixed schedule, and without remorse. Our open format offers attendees the unique opportunity to network, learn, and communicate about their passions!"

STARTUP WEEKEND LINCOLN

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About: <http://lincoln.startupweekend.org/>

"Startup Weekend is a global grassroots movement of active and empowered entrepreneurs who are learning the basics of founding startups and launching successful ventures. It is the largest community of passionate entrepreneurs with over 1800 past events in 120 countries around the world in 2014.

The non-profit organization is headquartered in Seattle, Washington but Startup Weekend organizers and facilitators can be found in over 200 cities around the world. From Mongolia to South Africa to London to Brazil, people around the globe are coming together for weekend long workshops to pitch ideas, form teams, and start companies.

All Startup Weekend events follow the same basic model: anyone is welcome to pitch their startup idea and receive feedback from their peers. Teams organically form around the top ideas (as determined by popular vote) and then it's a 54 hour frenzy of business model creation, coding, designing, and market validation. The weekends

culminate with presentations in front of local entrepreneurial leaders with another opportunity for critical feedback."

STARTUP WEEKEND OMAHA

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About: <http://www.up.co/communities/usa/omaha/startup-weekend/5716>

"**Startup Weekend** is a 54-hour event in which developers, designers and marketers pitch ideas for new products or companies, form small teams and work over the weekend to validate and build (hopefully functional) prototypes. It's a great opportunity to find out very quickly if your idea is worth pursuing, find others to build it with you, and possibly launch something in just a few days. Some teams will continue after the event, many will fail, but everyone learns something and walks away with meaningful relationships. "

HACK LINCOLN

Email: team@opennebraska.io

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About: <http://hacklincoln.org/>

"**Hack Lincoln** is a 48-hour hackathon bringing together the area's hackers - developers, technologists, designers, and civic advocates - to wrangle data sets, learn new ideas and techniques, and build some cool stuff in a fun environment."

HACK OMAHA

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About: <https://twitter.com/hackomaha> <http://www.campsite.org/hackomaha/event/461>,
<http://opennebraska.io/events/hack-omaha/>

Hack Omaha I

The first Hack Omaha was held in April 13-15, 2012 at the Omaha World Herald office building in downtown Omaha, and resulted in projects such as PlaySafe, a "map of safe places for your kids to play."

Hack Omaha II

The second Hack Omaha was a one-day event that took place on October 13, 2012 at Metropolitan Community College of Nebraska (MCC).

Hack Omaha III

The third hackathon held in Omaha, Hack Omaha III: With a Vengeance, took place November 22-24, 2013 at Aviture Inc. in SW Omaha. Developers, designers, and more spent the weekend working on awesome projects, including Local Boards, Transit Party, and Nebraska Food Inspections.

JUMPSTART CHALLENGE

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About: <http://www.jumpstartchallenge.com/>

Goal: The goal is to have identified three to four vertical issues with a solution to solve for each corporation category. Since entrepreneurs aren't ones for coloring in the lines, a "wild card" option will be available for those ideas not tied to a specific corporation.

TEDXLINCOLN

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About: <http://www.tedxlincoln.com/about/>

"**TEDx** is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. Our event is called TEDxLincoln, where x = independently organized TED event. At our TEDxLincoln event, TEDTalks video and live speakers will combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. "

TEDXYOUTH

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About: <https://www.facebook.com/TEDxYouthLincoln>

"**TEDx** is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. Our event is called TEDxLincoln, where x = independently organized TED event. At our TEDxLincoln event, TEDTalks video and live speakers will combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. "

TEDXOMAHA

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About: <http://www.tedxomaha.com/about-tedxomaha/>

"**TEDxOmaha** is an independently organized TEDx event. As a part of the global TED community, we connect locally to explore the ideas and situations that affect our cultures, environments, and minds."

CATALYST SPARK SERIES (QUARTERLY)

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About: <https://www.ubt.com/business-banking/business-loans-financing/catalyst-small-business/resources-past-spark-series>

RECESS (DESIGN CONFERENCE)

Contact Name:

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Phone Number:

About: <http://recesscon.com/>

UNL ENTREPRENEURING DAYS / 3-2-1 QUICK PITCH

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About: <http://cba.unl.edu/outreach/center-for-entrepreneurship/events/quick-pitch/>

"**The 3-2-1 QuickPitch Competition** is an annual event where students from Nebraska high schools, 2-year colleges, and 4-year colleges are invited to compete at Memorial Stadium. Participating students will have the opportunity to showcase their entrepreneurial, communication, and presentation skills through a short "quick pitch" proposal for a new business venture, which they will deliver to a panel of entrepreneurial-minded experts from across Nebraska. Students will have the opportunity to develop their idea for a new business. They will receive valuable feedback and networking opportunities with successful entrepreneurs and community leaders."

STRAIGHT SHOT DEMO DAY

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About: <http://straightshot.co/about/>

"Straight Shot helps developing technology startups go to market with a sustainable path to revenue generation and future profits. Straight Shot's first two classes included companies with founders coming to Omaha from San Francisco, Chicago, Portland, Raleigh, and more. Founded by Mark Hasebroock, a co-founder of GiftCertificates.com and Hayneedle, and supported by a deeply experienced and talented pool of strategic mentors, Straight Shot offers participating startups unmatched perspective and knowledge needed to succeed.

Straight Shot provides entrepreneurs employing e-commerce and software as a service business models with a direct path to revenue, advisors, technology needs, and more. Straight Shot's vision is to make Omaha a regional entrepreneurial hub and show the world our region is a uniquely qualified place for innovative talent to be developed and nurtured. Straight Shot contributes to this effort by providing an annual technology accelerator for rising companies as well as through strategic partnerships within the greater Omaha corporate community."

NMOTION DEMO DAY

Contact Name: Brian Ardinger

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Phone Number: 402.770.9567

About: <http://nmotion.co/blog/category/demo-day/>

"**NMotion Demo Day** will kick off with the latest batch of up-and-coming Nebraska Startups having 10 minutes to present their venture on stage. Time will be available in between presentations for questions and feedback and a

reception following the presentations will be available for attendees and participants to mix and mingle throughout the event."

STARTUP WEEK LINCOLN

Contact Name: Andrew Hyde

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Phone Number:

About: <http://lincoln.startupweek.co/>

"**Startup Week** is a free, five-day celebration of our community that builds momentum and opportunity around entrepreneurship."

NEBRASKA CODE CAMP

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About: <http://nebraskacode.com/>

"Code Camps have traditionally followed all or most of the Code Camp Manifesto. As we've been planning this next iteration of Nebraska Code Camp, we realized we were no longer following even most of the principles. 2 of the 3 days of the event will be during the work week, and there will be a small cost of attending those days, for instance."

INFOTEC

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About: <http://infotec.org/>

"**Infotec** connects technology and business professionals with the latest technology innovations to help drive business forward. Our conference is the largest annual gathering of technology professionals, executives, and vendors in the Midwest. Technical breakout sessions, a vibrant exhibition floor, and inspiring keynotes are presented TO our community BY our community."

HEARTLAND DEVELOPERS CONFERENCE

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Phone Number: 402.345.5025 x163

About: <http://www.heartlanddc.com/brief-history-of-hdc>

"HDC is the region's longest running local software design and development conference."

AIM TECH AWARDS

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About: <http://aimforbrilliance.org/techawards/>

"The AIM Tech Celebration (formerly linked to the Infotec Conference) will take on a refreshed look and feel at its debut in the Fall of 2014. AIM will create a red-carpet evening where corporate tech success is celebrated and acknowledged. Valet parking service will be provided as guests arrive at the Holland Performing Arts Center. This evening event features a cocktail reception, fun/interactive entertainment and awards ceremony featuring a well-known emcee. Ideas for entertainment during the cocktail hour include great music, a roaming magician, open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres and final bidding on AIM's first-ever C-Level Auction (powered by Proxibid)."

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT'S DRIVEN YOUTH INVITATIONAL

Contact Name: Tera Norris

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About: <http://jalincoln.org/dyi/>

"DYI is a FREE 7-week intensive track, designed for motivated high school students just like you. Prepare to gain valuable, hands-on experience giving you the swagger to create, build and maintain a thriving business. Interface with some of Lincoln's most successful and renowned entrepreneurs and set your dreams in motion."

SBIR/STTR WORKSHOP

Contact Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <https://www.sbir.gov/events>

USER GROUPS

OMAHA MOBILE GROUP

Contact Name: Kevin Berry

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/Omaha-Mobile-Group/>

"The place for developers, designers, users or entrepreneurs. Anyone involved in planning or implementing applications as well as those wishing to learn more about the exciting world of mobile."

ALL THINGS PAYMENTS

Contact Name: Steve Sidner

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/All-Things-Payments/>

"If you are a payments ninja on the Silicon Prairie, you would probably like to be part of a group that eats and drinks the industry that fascinates you. Actually we will each snacks and drink beverages together every 45 days or so as we discuss what is trending on the payments landscape especially as relates to digital payments and innovations that help improve security, convenience and control for consumers. Get on board and bring your unique perspective so we can all benefit from your experience."

NEBRASKA DRUPALERS

Contact Name: Bob Hinrichs

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/drupal-nebraska>

"Welcome to the Groups site for the Nebraska Developers and Users Group, where we discuss, share and find ways to provide local face-to-face interaction which can support activities like hosting speakers, providing tutorials, Question and Answer sessions, establishing relationships with others in the geographic area, and generally expand the community of Drupal users. We are working to set up a regular meetup schedule in Lincoln and Omaha!"

OMAHA CLOUD COMPUTING GROUP

Contact Name: Seth Lachner

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/OmaCloud/>

"Cloud computing is the next great revolution in our industry - we want to share information with other cloudsters in Omaha. If you are interested in the business, technical, or social aspects of cloud computing, you'll fit right in."

NEBRASKAJS

Contact Name: Zach Leatherman

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://nebraskajs.com/about/>
<http://www.meetup.com/nebraskajs/>

"**NebraskaJS** was founded in fall of 2009 by local front-end heros Jonathan Sharp, Andrew Wirick, and Eli Perelman. It was originally focused solely on jQuery, but later expanded to include other front end technologies."

THE OMAHA WEB DESIGN MEETUP

Contact Name: Nate Smith

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/Omaha-UX-Group/>

"**Omaha web design**, SEO (Search Engine Optimization), social media and other online and affordable marketing things are easy for people to come by... when you have thousands of dollars to throw at them. But for most small business owners, entrepreneurs, bloggers and regular people wanting to make a decent website for themselves, idea or cause - we need to learn to do it ourselves. This group will be a bit less formal - in that there will only be a short presentation at the beginning, then people can spend the rest of the time talking to whomever they'd like to learn from or network with. If possible, we'll use the forums a lot more than other meetups usually do as well, so people who can't make events can still learn, and conversations started in person can continue in a place where other people can benefit. No self-promotion allowed on the forums and in comments - zero tolerance for spamming. You're more than welcome to network - but only drift into promoting yourself and/or your business or cause at the events, in person."

NEBRASKA COLD FUSION USER GROUP (NECFUG)

Contact Name: Ryan Stille

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Phone Number:

About: <http://necfug.com/>

"**ColdFusion** Developers of all levels meet the 4th Tuesday of every month from 6 to 8pm at CF Webtools 11204 Davenport, Omaha NE 68154 (near I-680 & Dodge)"

RUBY AND OPEN SOURCE MEETUP, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, USA

Contact Name: Heath Roehr

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/Ruby-and-Open-Source-Meetup-Lincoln-Nebraska-USA/>

"Learning and meeting with Open Source enthusiasts, with a special emphasis on Ruby and Ruby-on-Rails. Discuss Open Source topics, meet other developers and interesting folks. Presentations, workshops, hack-fests and more. Find out about interesting projects and opportunities to use your skills."

LINCOLN AGILE COMMUNITY

Contact Name: Andy Harms

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/Lincoln-Agile-Community/>

"**The Lincoln Agile Community** was created to helping the IT community in the Lincoln, NE area grow in the knowledge of Agile Development practices, Agile Project Management, Scrum Knowledge, integrating Agile and Scrum methods into organizations, and Agile development methods. The group is committed to fostering a

positive and innovative learning environment that encourages participants to share successes and failures for the betterment of the group. Through collaborating with members, the Lincoln Agile Community will collectively improve the practice of the entire Lincoln Area's execution of Agile methodology."

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY OF THE HEARTLAND

Contact Name: Stephanie Petersen

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About: <http://www.meetup.com/withheartland/>
<http://withheartland.org/>

"WITH provides a fun networking forum for women to learn from and share with one another, focusing on the development and promotion of IT talent in women through mentoring and other outreach efforts, so we're not the only women in the room anymore."

METEOR OMAHA

Contact Name: Nick Coe

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/Meteor-Omaha/>

"Meet other developers using Meteor. Share your knowledge, apps, and get feedback from others. **Meteor** is an open-source platform for building top-quality web apps in a fraction of the time, whether you're an expert developer or just getting started."

OMAHA MAKER GROUP

Contact Name: Kevin Neubauer

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About: <http://omahamakergroup.org/about/>

"**The Omaha Maker Group** exists to facilitate a place where people can explore Technology, Science and Art. We operate a community workshop in Omaha, Nebraska and have bi-weekly meetings where people can collaborate, share resources, create, and learn together. We are Omaha's hackerspace."

OMAHA RUBY MEETUP

Contact Name: Carl Zulauf

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/Omaha-Ruby-Meetup/>

"This meetup is for ruby developers new and old, or anyone who appreciates open source and is interested in ruby."

.NET USER GROUP

Contact Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.lincolndev.net/>

"**The Lincoln .NET Users Group** was founded in September 2008 by Adam Barney and Ken Versaw. We currently have over 100 members of the group, with anywhere from 30-60 members attending each meeting. Our monthly meetings cover a wide variety of .NET topics suited for beginners and experts alike. We strive to deliver the best speakers from local and national sources while providing a valuable networking environment for our growing developer community. Our sponsors are integral to our success, and we do all we can to make thier partnership with our group a worthwhile one for both the sponsor and our users. If you have any questions about the group, or sponsorship, please don't hesitate to contact us."

OMAHA UX GROUP

Contact Name: Nate Smith

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/Omaha-UX-Group/>

"If you are passionate about User Experience and Design, this is your group. Come and meet UX professionals to share and learn. Although this group is not inteded solely for web design but we consider design as an important part of the overall User Experience Process."

NEBRASKA UX

Contact Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.nebraskaux.com/>

"Designers. Builders. Doers. Our group connects anyone passionate about learning and teaching user-centered design."

OMAHA BITCOIN MEETUP GROUP

Contact Name: Tony Stuntz

Email:

Phone Number:

About: <http://www.meetup.com/Omaha-Bitcoin-Meetup-Group/>

"This group is for anyone interested in using or learning about Bitcoin. Great for business networking, entrepreneurs, technology workers and anyone who just wants to learn something new."

HEARTLAND BIG DATA MEETUP

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OMAHA JAVA USERS GROUP

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"**Omaha's Java and JVM** User Group. For Java Professionals of all languages and frameworks that run in the JVM including Java, Groovy, Grails, Scala, Clojure, JRuby, Android, Javascript, etc. We also cover enterprise and web dev topics such as architecture, testing, security, and scalability. Promoting the Java community, supporting each other, sharing some pizza, and hanging out to socialize after the meetings! "

OMAHA CODING WOMEN

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"**OCW** is an organization which meets to discuss programming technologies and methods and how we can better relate and encourage other women in this field. "

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"If you are looking to learn more about the development platform behind Salesforce.com, this is the place for you. We accept people of all experience levels in the hope we can all learn from each other in a supportive environment."*meeting almost every two months

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"**Aviture** was founded in 2004 on the simple premise that good ideas empowered by an in-depth technological understanding can make a real and lasting difference in the world. Over the past decade, Aviture has brought a holistic approach to software development in commercial and government markets with an unmatched level of customer satisfaction."

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"Volano writes and implements innovative software designed to improve our clients workflow."

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"**Agilx** is a Software Development company located in Lincoln, Nebraska. They use the latest technologies to solve business problems for customers around the world. At Agilx, we don't restrict our expertise to a single field. We make it our goal to excel in different areas that can ease the working process in many different sectors. By practicing agile development, we focus on reducing development time with an emphasis on customer feedback and collaboration."

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"**VentureTech** formally known as i2rd was founded in 1993 by Dr. Don Nelson and Dr. Muhlin Chen. Both gentlemen recognized the need for software development to be a collaborative experience with a mix of business, technical, and feedback from end users to ensure success. "

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“Collaborative design on the great plains of America in Omaha, NE focused on making it beautiful, moving people to action, and getting good things done.”

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“**GoodTwin** is an extension of your team, helping you create functional, approachable, responsive web applications and interfaces. Our collaborative strategy, design, and development approach ensures that we deliver the right product for your users.”

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“**Elevate** is a digital design consultancy that helps organizations small and large to unlock new opportunities, build brand foundation, architect intelligent user experience and design interfaces for the future of business.”

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“The **New BLK** is an ad agency, art gallery, and creative think tank. Our mission is to champion innovation, nurture creativity, and promote progress and social justice. Our clients are game changers that disrupt the status quo in their own ways, large and small. We believe that every great brand is a great story, told with simplicity, honesty, and genuine emotion. When done right, these stories not only grab your attention, but make lasting connections and spark lively conversations that take on lives of their own.”

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“As a designer, I bring value to your organization through the development of user-friendly, mobile-first experiences, specializing in information architecture, user-interface design, art directions and front-end development. I also have a penchant for great logo and brand development. While I definitely specialize in the design of web and mobile interfaces, I also have a heart for full branding solutions because if your branding is poor, it’s more difficult to craft a great experience for your users.”

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“Forgelight Creative is a marketing agency based out of Lincoln, Nebraska. We’re a small team of young creative strategists working hard to help business owners and marketing directors reach their goals and overcome their challenges. Our fresh perspective helps us to leverage new platforms and offer new takes on old methods while our strong work ethic keeps us grounded. We specialize in marketing strategy and we have the capability to create the marketing tools needed to succeed with the strategies we develop.”

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“HIVE is a student-led organization linking UNL students with faculty, and local businesses.”

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Through a proven process, our team targets your key contacts and engages viewers through tangible pieces. We closely monitor our print campaigns, and average a 30% response rate. If you like what you hear, view our website for samples! "

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"It's an ancient Chinese legend, the Red Thread of Fate. People who are destined to meet and work together toward a common goal are connected by a thread. A red thread. It may seem absurd to believe that three kids, one from Lincoln, one from a suburb of Chicago and another from Omaha were destined to meet. But, we believe it. We could have gone anywhere in the world, done an infinite number of things in our lives. But instead, we're here. We're here creating awesome things for awesome people. We believe our paths crossed for a reason, and that reason is Red Thread. "

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"Fraser Stryker PC LLO is an established law firm located in Omaha, Nebraska. Our lawyers provide full service representation to businesses and individuals that face a variety of legal issues. Through a highly customized approach, we offer practical solutions to achieve specific client goals. Named as one of the Best Law Firms by U.S. News and World Report, we have helped clients address their complex legal matters for more than 110 years."

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Money Smarts Inc. can discuss business organization options (S-Corp, LLC, etc) to ensure your business is operating under the correct tax structure. We can also do your payroll, keep track of your employees' deductions & wages and prepare your personal taxes"

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employee data. Stuff that's been piling up at a business, probably being forgotten. And then we find patterns in that data. Once we have those patterns, we can practically predict the future. We can find solutions to almost any kind of business problem.

That feeling? Of taking something chaotic and making it make sense? Of actually fixing something that's broken? Of stepping away from a project, a business, and knowing that we've made it work better?"

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"Content is information that people read, watch, share and interact with. It's more than publishing websites, pictures, videos, blogs and social media. Content is a strategic force that can create meaningful experiences, build relationships, and drive business goals. We develop strategies and design experiences that transform content into a valuable asset to solve problems, capture opportunities, maximize resources and grow businesses."

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We go about accomplishing this with a few different offerings and services, depending on what stage we enter our client's business. Everything from strategy, conversion optimization, content marketing, public relations, etc but all of our services are focused around getting our clients more conversions, more coverage and more customers. We are not an "agency". We drive business, not buzz and that's how we approach our work. Our clients find themselves more focused with more time to work on what is truly important to them and your business."

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"As an entrepreneur or small businessperson, you intuitively know that to grow and succeed requires continual change. What worked yesterday, or even today, may not mean success tomorrow.

Catalyst is Union Bank's creative way to serve you. Your Business Advocate will help provide the spark to move your business quickly to reach its goals."

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"First National of Nebraska is a multi-state holding company headquartered in the heart of downtown Omaha, with a strong heritage of banking excellence that dates back more than 150 years.

For a century and a half, First National Bank, a subsidiary of First National of Nebraska, has set the standard for outstanding customer service coupled with some of the most innovative financial products in the industry.

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We've come a long way in the last century and a half. As you browse through our site, we think you'll understand why we've been so successful – and why we're so excited about what the future holds for our customers and our organization."

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Nebraska Entrepreneurship was created by the University of Nebraska to support entrepreneurship education, training and outreach. It serves as a resource to Nebraska and tells the stories of entrepreneurs at the University and throughout Nebraska, highlighting their contributions to the state.

OMAHA WORLD HERALD (COLE EPPLEY / PAIGE YOWELL)

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About: <http://www.owh.com/>

"The **Omaha World-Herald** provides news, commentary, information and advertising that encourages readers to become involved in the world around them. The World-Herald was family owned until 1963 when Peter Kiewit purchased The World-Herald to ensure the paper would continue to be locally owned. After Kiewit's death in 1979

the Company was employee owned until December of 2011 when Warren Buffett and Berkshire Hathaway purchased the paper to once again insure local ownership."

LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR (DICK PERSOL / MATT OLBERDING)

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About: <http://journalstar.com/>

"News, sports, entertainment and weather updates from the Lincoln Journal Star newspaper in southeast Nebraska."

MIDLANDS BUSINESS JOURNAL

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Address: 1324 S. 119th St. • Omaha, NE 68144

About: <http://www.mbj.com/>

"Business Journal of Greater Omaha, Lincoln, and Council Bluffs."

BLOGS

THE VENTURE HOUSE

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The Venture House represents the interest and passion for the worlds of Venture Capital, Startups and Economics shared by three recent college grads in the Omaha Startup scene.

This is where you'd usually be linked to an article showcasing Omaha as the #1 City to Build a Startup, as one of the most family friendly cities in America, or as the metropolitan area with the most Fortune 500 companies per capita in the country. But we've joined the startup scene for a different reason. To lay the groundwork for the next 15-20 years.. so we won't have to point out the Midwest's startup success. You'll know.

THE BIG PLATE

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We're passionate about bringing together interesting people, cool projects, and remarkable ideas. We started The Big Plate as an exclusive, membership community for entrepreneurs, artists and innovators to connect, collaborate, and create. Think of it as a virtual think tank, a trusted advisory board, and your on-demand education center for fresh ideas and good conversation. We help you solve two core problems: getting started and keeping going. The community gives you a seat at the table to ask questions, share stories, and build connections.

So, if you're working on a startup and want to connect with other diverse leaders, we've built this collaborative kitchen for you. In fact, The Big Plate was created as a the direct result of a table talk designed to brainstorm and incubate new ideas. We know it works and we're here to help. If you want to be a part of this grand experiment to see what happens when smart, talented folks share and learn together, join today or feel free to contact us anytime to chat or learn more. "

EMAILS DIGESTS

STARTUP DIGEST

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About: <https://www.startupdigest.com/subscriptions>

"The personalized insider newsletter for all things startup in Silicon Valley-SF Bay Area and around the world. "

ONLINE COMMUNITIES

STARTUP NEBRASKA FACEBOOK GROUP

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JOB BOARDS

SPN'S JOB POSTS

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About: <http://siliconprairienews.com/category/opps-on-the-prairie/>

"Nice guy Jeff Slobotski does more than smile and shake hands. For nearly ten years, he has celebrated and championed entrepreneurs throughout the Midwest. His relationships, ideas, and collaborative nature have allowed Jeff to organically create, grow, and shape a passionate, creative community.

And national media have taken note. Jeff's efforts in the region formerly known as "flyover country" has been highlighted by The New York Times, CNN, TIME, Inc., Fast Company, Forbes, and Kiplinger magazines. His most notable initiatives to date – Silicon Prairie News and the Big Omaha/Big Kansas City conferences – are second only to his inaugural startup: his family. Jeff, his wife, Molly, and their children call Omaha home."

CAREERLINK.COM

<http://careerlink.com/>

EVENT CALENDARS

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SPN'S EVENT PAGE

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About: <http://siliconprairienews.com/events/>

"Discover tech events happening in the Omaha area. User groups, conferences, Beer & Codes - if techy types are getting together - it should be listed here!

TechOmaha is also a repository of [video recordings](#) from user group meetings.

Use our calendar to view upcoming events or follow [@TechOmaha](#) on twitter for event announcements."

LINCOLN SHARED STARTUP GOOGLE CALENDAR

DIRECTORIES

STARTUP GENOME'S OMA-LIN PAGE

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"**startupgenome** build beautiful tools that help awesome people and organizations map, measure and grow their local entrepreneurship ecosystem."

ENTREPRENEUR HANGOUTS

COWORKING SPACES

THE WAREHAM

Contact Name:

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Address: Wareham Bldg, Creighton University, Webster Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178

About: <http://thewareham.co>

"**The Wareham** Building is increasingly becoming a larger part of the entrepreneurial ecosystem as Straight Shot accelerator and coding/web school Interface School recently relocated to the building near Creighton University's campus. "

COVIS COWORKING

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About: <http://www.covisco.com/>

"**CoVis CoWorking** is a coworking space in Omaha, Nebraska. Whether you work at home or spend your days hopping from coffee shop to coffee shop, CoVis welcomes all who seek growth.

CoVis is here to help encourage your professional and social growth. You know, the *good* growths! Not the kind you see a doctor about. People help you grow; they share ideas, opinions, inspiration, and can be the catalyst needed to jump-start your creativity. Best of all, people need you too! You're an expert in what you do, so why not help others and be a part of something bigger?"

CALI COMMONS

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Address: 518 N 40th St, Omaha, NE 68131

About: <http://calicommons.com/>

"Building a Creative Co-working / Art Gallery in Omaha Nebraska. Starting a *co-working* space was actually a bit of an accident. Our art studio (*Luke Armstrong and Molly Nicklin*) and RenMind's office was in Benson. It was a basic, kind of rough space with alley access and we were looking to upgrade. I was up late looking at craigslist and commercial real estate sites and saw that the old grocery store up on 40th and California was for sale. Molly and I both got really excited and knew that it would be ideal space for us with room for some friends."

AKSARBEN INNOVATION INITIATIVE'S SPACE

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"**Aksarben Innovation Initiative**, a collaboration between the Scott Technology Center, University of Nebraska at Omaha's Maverick Innovations and Jim Young Jr., co-founder of the Aksarben Discovery Fund and member of the Nebraska Angels, is proud to announce its debut of the Lean LaunchPad program in Omaha this summer.

Developed by Stanford professor and serial entrepreneur Steve Blank, Lean LaunchPad focuses on the market viability of a concept prior to product development and allows start-ups to stay accountable, track progress and validate results. It has been and is being used by entrepreneurs and innovators around the world as well as U.S. government agencies such as the National Science Foundation. Many corporations also use this process internally as it provides detailed documentation, not just biased feedback.

UNION BANK'S CATALYST

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"**Union Bank's Catalyst** is a place entrepreneurs or small businesses can use for creative thinking, collaboration, planning, networking and learning. As an entrepreneur or small businessperson, you intuitively know that to grow and succeed requires continual change. What worked yesterday, or even today, may not mean success tomorrow. Catalyst is Union Bank's creative way to serve you. Your Business Advocate will help provide the spark to move your business quickly to reach its goals."

FUSE COWORKING

Contact Name:

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About: <http://www.fusecoworking.com>

"**FUSE** is a coworking space where entrepreneurs, telecommuters, and creatives can work in a productive and collaborative environment."

THE PILGRIMER

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Address: 228 N 12th St, Lincoln, NE 68508

About: <http://thepilgrimer.com/>

"**The Pilgrimer** is a non-profit in Lincoln, NE that sells locally made goods and coffee, hosts a diverse array of amazing events"

COFFEE SHOPS

AROMA'S DOWNTOWN

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About: <http://www.aromasbliss.com/>

"Coffee is a drink to be savored. We remember that each coffee bean is picked by-hand, and roasted to perfection before it is brewed in our shop, so we strive to be responsible with our piece of the process. There are so many wonderful ways to prepare this nectar of the gods. We have several manual brewing methods and a very knowledgeable staff that will work tirelessly to find a drink that is just right for you and your taste buds. "

AROMA'S BENSON

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"**Caffeine Dreams** IS a small batch coffee roaster in lovely midtown Omaha. We serve our own house roasted single origin and house blend coffees along with truly fine teas, artisanal baked goods and light cafe fare (for the hungry bunch)."

BLUELINE COFFEE IN DUNDEE

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About: <http://www.bluelinecoffee.com/>

BLUELINE COFFEE DOWNTOWN

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About: <http://www.bluelinecoffee.com/>

ARCHETYPE

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About: <http://www.archetype.coffee/>

SCOOTERS - 120TH & BLONDO

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About: <http://www.scooterscoffee.com/>

"Our beans are carefully chosen by our Master Roaster, working with selections from around the world and roasted daily by our own roasting company. We deliver fresh products to each Scooter's location. Our original drink recipes are crafted in our kitchens, tested and perfected long before they earn the Scooter's label. We only use the finest ingredients combined with our silky-smooth espresso to produce our incredible blenders, lattes and mochas. We offer fruit smoothies made with all natural fruit, and iced drinks that set the standard for how iced drinks should taste."

ACCELERANDO COFFEE HOUSE

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About: <http://accelerandocoffeehouse.com/>

"As an artisan coffeehouse and performance venue, our goal is to provide a creative space for the community to gather, recharge, and enjoy the best cup of coffee around. We use top local products and have regular events and performances from musicians, poets, and artists in our area to promote local business, creativity and community."

We enjoy the craft of preparing the perfect drink, whether it's balancing the boldness of espresso into the sweetness of steamed milk, brewing the best Chemex around, or the simple joy of a delightfully sweet mocha we take pride in every drink on our menu.

We invite you to try out our coffee and taste the advantages we have in being a small shop run by coffee fanatics."

Coworking Wednesdays: Developers meeting every Wednesday at Accelerando.

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THE MILL

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About: <http://www.millcoffee.com/>

"What we do know is that during a bitter Nebraska winter in the mid 1970's the folks at a local bike shop had an idea. The everyday "shop" coffee they served left much to be desired, so why not improve on it and at the same time generate a bit of cold weather revenue for the small bicycle shop? This quest turned into something of an obsession and soon their "shop" coffee was causing quite the stir. To these bicycle shop guys, this highlighted a distinct lack of gourmet quality coffee in Lincoln, and coupled with the increasing popularity of their coffee, they decided to open a small gourmet coffee and tea store adjacent to the bike shop. Thus began the first version of what we know as The Mill."

SCOOTER'S HAYMARKET

Contact Name:

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About: <http://www.scooterscoffee.com/>

"Our beans are carefully chosen by our Master Roaster, working with selections from around the world and roasted daily by our own roasting company. We deliver fresh products to each Scooter's location. Our original drink recipes are crafted in our kitchens, tested and perfected long before they earn the Scooter's label. We only use the finest ingredients combined with our silky-smooth espresso to produce our incredible blenders, lattes and mochas. We offer fruit smoothies made with all natural fruit, and iced drinks that set the standard for how iced drinks should taste."

CRESCENT MOON

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About: <http://crescentmooncoffee.com/>

"Locally owned and operated **Crescent Moon Coffee** has been at home in Lincoln's Historic Haymarket district since 2001. We serve a variety of single origin and locally roasted coffees, loose leaf teas, espresso specialty drinks, craft beer, wine and cocktails."

THE PILGRIMER

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"We aren't simply a retail store, coffee shop or event space. The **Pilgrimer** is a culture-changing wave of stories of people pursuing those things which they were made to do. We exist to empower creativity, foster community and remind a city just how great its story really is. Come journey with us. A 501(c) 3 non-profit organization."

THE COFFEE HOUSE

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About: <https://www.facebook.com/TheCoffeeHouseLincoln>

"We proudly serve fair trade and organic coffees and teas. Many of our food menu items are baked daily in-house, using fresh ingredients, and refreshed throughout the day."

VENUES FOR MEETUPS/EVENTS

KANEKO

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About: <http://thekaneko.org/>

"KANEKO is a 501(c)(3), public non-profit cultural organization, exploring and encouraging the process of creativity, and how it impacts our lives. We believe that everyone can be creative; the challenge is to recognize opportunities for creative effort. As humans we need to harness and cultivate creativity in our citizens and invest in a creative society.

Established in 1998 by international artist Jun Kaneko and his wife Ree, KANEKO is headquartered in three turn-of-the-century warehouses in the Old Market District of Omaha, Nebraska. KANEKO is an institution with a vision to celebrate creativity and is committed to fostering it as the overriding mission with four major programming themes: Design, Ideas, Performance, and Innovation."

THE GARAGE BY AVITURE

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 About: <http://garagebyaviture.com/>

Beyond an accelerator, founders need avenues to continue honing ideas and challenging assumptions as their product evolves. The Garage offers the space, the team, and the network to get them there.

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NIC INNOVATION CAMPUS

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About: <http://innovate.unl.edu/>

"**Nebraska Innovation Campus (NIC)** is connecting the talents of experts, companies and the university to create a unique culture of innovation. NIC is a research campus designed to facilitate new and in-depth partnerships between the University of Nebraska and private sector businesses. NIC is adjacent to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL) and strategically provides access to research faculty, facilities and students. At full build-out, NIC will be a 2.2-million square-foot campus with uniquely designed buildings and amenities that encourage people to create and transform ideas into global innovation. NIC aspires to be the most sustainable research and technology campus in the United States. "

NEBRASKA GLOBAL - BARNYARD

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About:

"We know software. It's our passion, our love. In fact, the only thing we love as much as software is this great state of Nebraska. And we're looking for more people like us—software-loving Nebraska nerds who want to build a life around this unique passion.

Nebraska Global isn't your typical venture capital fund. Unlike most VC firms, we want to focus on building a sustainable tech environment by helping establish healthy, hearty software businesses within the state and not focus solely on a 30x return and pre-determined exit strategy. Our mission is to build profitable companies, but it isn't to squeeze every last dollar out of entrepreneurs or "spray and pray" (We promise. Read our mission). We're just nerds with money who want to see more of both stay in Nebraska and prosper. Grow your business here. Raise your family here. Develop here."

FUSE COWORKING

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About: <http://www.fusecoworking.com/>

"**Fuse** is an excellent place to 'call work'. The space is great and has just the right amount of work atmosphere with a touch of social interaction. It helps me be more efficient than working at home or at a coffee shop, and has everything I need in an office environment."

TURBINE FLATS

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About: <http://www.turbineflats.org/>

"The **Turbine Flats** Project is comprised of three major elements.

1. The Property – At 2124 Y St., Turbine Flats is an old manufacturing building that has been converted to office space. The name "Turbine Flats" is a combination of "Engineered Efficiency" and a metropolitan open and minimalist architectural feeling. With an initial 11,000 sq. ft. of developed collaborative space, 3,000 sq. ft. of workshop space, and room to grow, the Turbine Flats Project is what Lincoln needs, where we need it, and it's here now.

2. The Non-Profit– The Turbine Flats Project will be successful because it has one mission: "To create a robust, self-sustaining, collaborative environment for small and start-up businesses to bring their products and ideas to market." The non-profit focus is necessary to ensure that our motivation is not one of profiteering but of genuine interest and commitment to the furtherance of entrepreneurialism in Lincoln.

3. Community- We aim to develop a supportive network of local startups and budding entrepreneurs who assist one another in furthering their individual missions. "

THE RAILYARD (VEGA, RULEG, CATALYST, BREWSKY'S, LAZLO'S)

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About: <http://www.canopyst.com/railyard>

"The **Railyard** on Canopy Street is Lincoln, Nebraska's premier entertainment district located across the street from the Pinnacle Bank Arena. This vibrant venue features 13+ restaurants & bars, live entertainment, a public market, and THE CUBE presented by Union Bank & Trust."

ASSOCIATIONS / NONPROFITS

AIM INSTITUTE

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Address: 4701 Innovation Dr, Lincoln, NE 68521

About: <http://aimforbrilliance.org>

"**AIM** is a not-for-profit community organization passionate about connecting people with technology, and with each other. We're challenge seekers. We're habitual tinkerers. We need to understand how things work, and we're driven to make them work better."

GREATER OMAHA CHAMBER

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About: <http://omahastartups.org>

"It starts with a flicker. The spark of an idea: a bold, new solution; a better way to serve; an enhancement that's going to improve people's lives..."

We love the innovator's mindset, and we're proud of the fact that our "About Us" really is about us – your team and ours working together to fan your entrepreneurial spirit, ignite your ideas and introduce the world to something exciting and viable."

LINCOLN CHAMBER

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About: <http://www.selectlincoln.org/start>

"**Lincoln Chamber** promotes a positive business climate in Lincoln, serving as the primary advocate for business growth and is a constructive partner in working with the government and education. We are a membership organization that provides services and programs to help businesses grow and thrive in our economy.

Lincoln continually ranks as one of the best places to do business in America. With low business costs, a strong workforce, and robust business climate, many Lincoln business leaders will tell you it's hard to fail in Lincoln. In creating a pro-business community Lincoln offers several business resources to help businesses stay competitive."

PIPELINE

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About: <http://www.pipelineentrepreneurs.com/>

"**Pipeline** is an elite organization of the Midwest's most successful, high-performance entrepreneurs. Our Members work as one to face business challenges, funnel opportunities to their peers and build market-leading technology and life-sciences business together."

YEAR OF THE STARTUP

Contact Name: Sabastian Hunt

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Address: 40th and Burt Street, Omaha, NE

About: <http://yearofthestartup.com/>

"**Year of the Startup** is a residential seed accelerator based in Omaha, Nebraska. Our startup founders live together in a startup house (Yes, just like HBO's "Silicon Valley"). Our program is unique in that it lasts an entire year, which gives a startup founder ample time to validate, develop, and launch their industry disruptin', status quo shatterin', economic growth creatin' company."

OMAHA STARTUP COLLABORATIVE

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About:

NBDC (NEBRASKA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER)

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About: <http://nbdc.unomaha.edu/>

"**NBDC** helps Nebraska businesses grow and create new jobs. We provide consulting and educational services to small and mid-sized businesses. Many services are free to the business owner or entrepreneur, and all are confidential and impartial. By helping build and grow successful businesses, NBDC contributes to Nebraska's high quality of life."

AIGA NEBRASKA

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"**AIGA's** mission is to advance designing as a professional craft, strategic tool and vital cultural force"

COUNCIL BLUFFS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact Name: Bob Mundt

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About: <http://www.councilbluffsia.com/>

"Since 1916, the **Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce** has lead the way for the businesses, organizations, government and citizens of Council Bluffs to plan and execute a transformation. The passion, leadership and hard work have infused our community with the anything-is-possible-attitude that makes Council Bluffs Iowa's Leading Edge."

OMAHA GAME DEV ASSOCIATION

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About: <http://omahagamedev.com/>

"OGDA meetings are typically on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 6 until about 10.

Meetings will often have between 10-20 people and sometimes as many as 30-40. There is no cost to attend. The only requirement for attendance is being interested in any aspect of game development — programming, design, art, sound, etc. Currently, our meetings are being held at the Omaha Code School south of downtown Omaha."

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN

INNOVATION CAMPUS

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"The Nebraska Innovation Campus is a public/private research campus being developed by the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. It is located in Lincoln, Nebraska on the 249-acre site of the old Nebraska State Fair grounds"

RAIKES SCHOOL

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About: <http://raikes.unl.edu/>

"In the Raikes School, students graduate with a two year head start on their careers. Participating in Design Studio, engaging with faculty in smaller classes, taking advantage of numerous internship and networking opportunities, and studying alongside some of the brightest students on campus are just some of the ways that students in the Raikes School students accelerate their careers and develop into the innovators of tomorrow."

UNL ENTREPRENEURSHIP (LEGAL) CLINIC

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"The Entrepreneurship Clinic opened in January 2013. Clinic students advise and represent start-up business clients in a variety of early-stage legal matters, including entity formation, contract drafting and review, intellectual property protection, real estate, financing, regulatory, compliance and other transactional matters. Students will develop practical skills necessary for the effective practice of transactional law, gain an understanding of entrepreneurs as clients and the interplay of legal, ethical and practical considerations that are required to effectively advise them, and develop relationships with individuals and organizations in Nebraska's entrepreneurship community applicable to such student's professional and educational goals.

The Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic at the University of Nebraska College of Law is a student-based clinical program designed to provide representation and counsel to startup business clients on a variety of early-stage legal issues. Under supervision of clinical faculty, students participating in the Clinic will interact directly with clients to provide a wide range of business law issues. By assisting entrepreneurs when they need help the most, the Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic provides Nebraska Law students hands-on opportunities to make a difference in the Nebraska business community."

UNL CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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About: <http://cba.unl.edu/outreach/center-for-entrepreneurship/>

"**The Center for Entrepreneurship** is focused on helping students learn and practice the art and science of growth. Classes teach students how to grow their own new ventures and how to successfully team with others who are striving to grow businesses. "

ENGLER AGRIBUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

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"**The Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program** is focused on helping you transform the resources of our nation's strength in agriculture into the next big idea. Your idea that will solve a problem. Open a new door. Fill a hungry stomach. Create a new product. Grow more food with fewer resources."

NUTECH VENTURES BOOTCAMP

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About: <https://www.facebook.com/events/318684148251745/>

"**NUtech Ventures** is the intellectual property and commercialization unit of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. NUtech's mission is to facilitate the commercialization and practical use of innovations generated through the research activities at the University of Nebraska. We do this by identifying, evaluating, protecting, marketing and licensing UNL intellectual property to promote economic development and improve the quality of life. Further, NUtech Ventures also connects innovators with the people, coaching and resources they need to start companies, develop products and create jobs. If you're interested in starting a company, seeing your innovations licensed or securing developmental funding for your leading-edge research, we can help you connect with potential industry partners, entrepreneurs and investors. We can add value to your research by enabling a fully collaborative process for joint creation, development and commercialization so your technologies can change the world."

UNL INNOVATION STUDIO (MAKER'S CLUB)

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About: <http://make.unl.edu/>

"**The University of Nebraska–Lincoln Maker Club** envisions a campus-driven, city-wide culture that actively fosters student-initiated efforts to fuse engineering, art, design and technology into innovative products and media that spark discussions, solve problems, and inspire humanity — while establishing partnerships among students, instructors, entrepreneurs and professionals interested in solving the world's most challenging problems."

NUTECH VENTURES

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UNIVERSITIES OF NEBRASKA - OMAHA

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About: <http://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-business-administration/center-for-innovation-entrepreneurship-franchising/>

"**Center for Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Franchising (CIEF)** supports entrepreneurial education and collaboration, innovative hands-on learning experiences, as well as faculty research, conferences and mentorship. CIEF also provides advisory services to start-ups and small business entities throughout the region.

UNIVERSITIES OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER

UNEMED

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About: <http://www.unemed.com/>

"**UNeMed** is focused on developing and fostering relationships with industry to transfer UNMC intellectual property from the academic laboratory to the marketplace. Consistent with its focus, UNeMed continues to seek industrial licensing opportunities to enhance the development of its technologies and foster scientific breakthroughs at UNMC."

SCIENCE CAFE

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About: <http://www.unmc.edu/outreach/educational-programs/sciencecafe/index.html>

"**Science Cafés** involve a face-to-face conversation with a scientist about current science topics. They are open to everyone (21 and older), and take place in casual settings like pubs and coffeehouses. A science café's casual meeting place, plain language, and inclusive conversation create a welcoming and comfortable atmosphere for people with no science background. Each meeting is organized around an interesting topic of conversation. A scientist gives a brief presentation followed by a question and answer period. Pizza will be provided by The Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures for the first 50 people."

BIONEBRASKA

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About: <http://www.bionebraska.org/>

"**Bio Nebraska Life Sciences Association (Bio Nebraska)** was formed in 2005 as a nonprofit trade association dedicated to the development and growth of Nebraska's bioscience industry through:

- Supporting basic research in the life sciences
- Aiding in the development of a highly educated work force; and
- Providing a welcoming environment for attracting new and expanding businesses "

OTHER UNIVERSITIES

MCC

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About: <https://www.mccneb.edu/>

"**MCC's Entrepreneurship program** is one of the fastest growing programs on campus and is taught in a REAL mode - generally no tests. Work done in any of 6 regularly offered courses that run both on campus and online are specifically designed to mirror REAL tasks that REAL entrepreneurs either need to do or know about. Courses attract both those interested in new startup planning AND those already actively engaged in business seeking knowledge and assistance. Although MCC launched its Entrepreneurship Program in 2006, it is now one of the largest educational providers of entrepreneurship education in Nebraska. MCC and Nebraska's Community Colleges were recently named as one of the best models for entrepreneur education and training in the nation by *The American Association of Community Colleges*."

FABLAB (MCC)

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"**FabLab** is a lab full of tools, technology, and training – what you can create there is limitless.

In the FabLab, you can conceptualize, design, develop, fabricate, and test almost anything. If you are an artist, engineer, tinkerer, inventor, student, or own a businesses, the FabLab has the tools to make your craft better!

We boast six different prototyping technologies, three-dimensional scanning, metal working, vacuum forming, an array of wood working equipment, a plasma cutter, welding equipment, tubing bending and forming, as well as many other types of tools and technologies including a fully capable CADD and three-dimensional modeling lab."

THE START CENTER

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About: <https://www.facebook.com/startcenteromaha>

"Founded in May of 2014, The **Start Center for Entrepreneurship** is dedicated to empowering entrepreneurs at the local level. Our focus is diversity, women, and minority empowerment by engaging the different entrepreneurial talents and gifts that have the potential to become successful start ups. From tech start-ups to lifestyle businesses, The Start Center is devoted to excellence and providing top tier training, mentoring, development, and education to our students. "

CREIGHTON

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About: <https://www.creighton.edu/irm/services/courses/>

"**Creighton University's Entrepreneurship Program**, which began in Fall 2006, is housed in the College of Business and is directed by Dr. Anne York, associate professor of entrepreneurship and strategy. Creighton's entrepreneurship offerings include undergraduate- and graduate-level entrepreneurship courses, as well as a Bioscience Entrepreneurship Program."

PKI

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About: <https://pki.nebraska.edu/new/>

"**The Peter Kiewit Institute** is a facility in Omaha, Nebraska that houses academic programs from both the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Engineering and the University of Nebraska at Omaha's College of Information Science and Technology"

SCC ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER

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"**The SCC Entrepreneurship Center** is a full-service resource hub for entrepreneurs in all stages of the business development spectrum from idea to growth and expansion. We offer business coaching, business

planning assistance, funding preparation assistance, business incubation, and entrepreneurial educational opportunities. The Center is home to the Nebraska Business Development Center (NBDC) Lincoln Office and Procurement Technical Assistance Center, resource organizations, and the Lincoln Public Schools Entrepreneurship and Information Technology Focus Programs. We partner with resource organizations in Lincoln and throughout SCC's 15 county service area and national organizations such as the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE), the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), and the National Business Incubator Association (NBIA) to meet the needs of those we serve."

UNK ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH CENTER

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About: http://www.unk.edu/academics/crrd/Entrepreneurship_program.php

"The Center for Rural Research and Development (CRRD) creates, facilitates, and partners with other organizations to offer multiple networking and mentoring events year-round so Nebraska Entrepreneurs can share ideas, contacts, and resources. The CRRD supports entrepreneurs through the following three focus areas: education, mentoring and networking, market research.

UNK's Program for Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the CRRD espouses the grow-your-own philosophy of economic development, known as Economic Gardening. According to a recent presentation by Bo Fishback of the Kauffman Foundation, two of the most misunderstood and under-valued concepts essential to entrepreneurship include markets and networks. CRRD provides direct service to entrepreneurs and start-ups in the form of general business counseling and primary market research."

SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR

STARTUP LAB

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About: <http://www.meetup.com/the-startup-lab/>

"The Start-up Lab is a real movement for students and young researchers interested in learning and exchanging ideas about entrepreneurship.

Our goal is to inspire and encourage students to spark energy around entrepreneurship and their dreams, to make the reality of entrepreneurship clear."

The Start-up Lab Meetup: organized by Dumitru Radoiu and sponsored by Sysgenic and Petru Maior University.

Free membership

CODE/WEB SCHOOLS

OMAHA CODE SCHOOL

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"**Omaha Code School** offers an intensive web development course in the Silicon Prairie. Twelve weeks, full-time, and you will become a hireable web developer."

INTERFACE WEB SCHOOL

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"**Interface** is both a platform for learning and a platform for teaching. We understand that first and foremost it takes talented people to build talented people. Perpetuating this cycle of teaching and learning is powerful and benefits individuals and communities. Interface provides practical training to meet the demands of job seekers and employers in today's job market. We offer students an immersive learning program lead by industry experts and a professional network that connects students and businesses throughout the Midwest."

INVESTORS

ANGELS

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"The **Nebraska Angels** are a network of angel investors who meet once a month to work together to review business plans, listen to pitches, conduct due diligence and negotiate terms for potential investments. Founded in 2006, the Nebraska Angels membership continues to expand and welcomes new members throughout the year.

On average, Nebraska Angels invest in eight deals annually, deploying close to \$2,000,000 in capital. As the Nebraska Angels are a network rather than a fund, the decision to invest is made on an individual basis, however, the terms of the investment are the same for all angel investors."

DUNDEE VENTURE CAPITAL ANGELLIST SYNDICATE

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"**Dundee VC** is committing \$250,000 to invest in 3-4 new companies over the next twelve months. Seed stage investments in SaaS and e-commerce solutions is what we do. Our syndicate is an opportunity for us to introduce those in our network and beyond to our deals."

SEEDS

LINSEED CAPITAL

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"**Linseed Capital LLC** is a venture capital firm specializing in investments in startups. The firm considers investments in the United States and primarily invests in the State of Nebraska and Midwest region of the country. It also makes angel investments. Linseed Capital LLC is based in the United States."

"We founded and manage Linseed Capital to invest in great companies, help people achieve their ambitions and to make money. We are angel investors living in Omaha, Nebraska and Rancho Mirage, California. We actively mentor and support the entrepreneurial environment in the Midwest. We invest both independently and as members of The Nebraska Angels investment group. We sponsor Big Omaha, an annual innovation and entrepreneurship conference and were regional founders of the Pipeline Entrepreneur Fellowship Program. We serve on several nonprofit- and for-profit boards. "

"Jim is Interim President of the University of Nebraska and President of University Technology Development Corporation. He is also Professor of Pathology and Microbiology at University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). He earned his B.S. in Biochemistry and Microbiology from Iowa State University, and his M.D. from UNMC. After residency training at Duke University he returned to UNMC, where he has been on the faculty since 1983. His experience in the private sector includes servings as a corporate officer at Cytoc Corporation, and now at Roche Diagnostics Hematology.

Karen is President of Tethon3D and a member of Women Investing in Nebraska (WIN) philanthropic group. She earned her B.S. degree in Biology from Nebraska Wesleyan University. In 1995, she founded the School of Cytotechnology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and is Past President of the American Society for Cytotechnology. In 2001, she founded a reference laboratory, Heartland Pathology, Inc. and sold it in 2011. Her book profiling women business leaders, "The Women of Berkshire Hathaway", was published in 2012."

AKSARBEN DISCOVERY FUND

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"Aksarben Innovation Initiative, a collaboration between the Scott Technology Center, University of Nebraska at Omaha's Maverick Innovations and Jim Young Jr., co-founder of the **Aksarben Discovery Fund** and member of the Nebraska Angels, is proud to announce its debut of the Lean LaunchPad program in Omaha this summer. Developed by Stanford professor and serial entrepreneur Steve Blank, Lean LaunchPad focuses on the market viability of a concept prior to product development and allows start-ups to stay accountable, track progress and validate results. It has been and is being used by entrepreneurs and innovators around the world as well as U.S. government agencies such as the National Science Foundation. Many corporations also use this process internally as it provides detailed documentation, not just biased feedback."

VENTURE CAPITAL

NEBRASKA GLOBAL

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"Nebraska Global Investment Company, LLC is a venture capital and private equity firm specializing in investments in startups, outright and minority acquisitions, and spin-offs. It seeks to invest in software companies. The firm focuses on investments in the Midwest with a focus on Nebraska. Nebraska Global Investment Company, LLC was founded in 2010 and is based in Lincoln, Nebraska."

"We know software. It's our passion, our love. In fact, the only thing we love as much as software is this great state of Nebraska. And we're looking for more people like us—software-loving Nebraska nerds who want to build a life around this unique passion."

Nebraska Global isn't your typical venture capital fund. Unlike most VC firms, we want to focus on building a sustainable tech environment by helping establish healthy, hearty software businesses within the state and not focus solely on a 30x return and pre-determined exit strategy. Our mission is to build profitable companies, but it isn't to squeeze every last dollar out of entrepreneurs or "spray and pray" (We promise. Read our mission). We're just nerds with money who want to see more of both stay in Nebraska and prosper."

INVEST NEBRASKA

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"Invest Nebraska Corporation is a private non-profit corporation focused on high-growth companies in Nebraska and growing the state's economy.

We achieve our mission by working directly with entrepreneurs, researchers and companies to help them commercialize their technologies, launch and grow new businesses, and access needed capital. Our clients and portfolio companies like the fact that we utilize our extensive network to connect entrepreneurs, investors, business partners, and potential customers.

We partner with regional leaders in Nebraska to accelerate their entrepreneurial successes. Each region has unique challenges, resources, and strengths. But the measurable goals – producing more high potential businesses that can create new jobs and building a sustainable ecosystem to support them – are the same regardless of the region. The process is fundamentally based on collaboration and partnerships."

DUNDEE VENTURE CAPITAL

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"Dundee Venture Capital invests \$50,000-\$750,000 in high-growth, early-stage technology companies. We will invest across industries in founding teams we believe in, but shy away from life sciences and hardware.

We like to invest in what we know. For that reason, most of our investments are in e-commerce, B2B SaaS, or consumer networks.

We aren't just about funding startups. We want to build lasting partnerships with our founders. We choose opportunities based on our belief in the business and the founders alike, so we're there every step of the way. Sometimes what we have to offer is tough love. Other times we're a trusted resource. But every time, we're your biggest supporter.

We also like to keep our money in the Midwest. From Boulder to Kansas City and Chicago to our hometown of Omaha, we invest in startups from a region that's equally as innovative but historically ignored."

TREETOP VENTURES

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"The mission of **Treetop Ventures** today is to provide very personal, hands-on wealth/asset management and business consulting services to individuals and small companies in the Omaha area.

Established with the idea of providing top-notch consulting services to start-up companies, the Treetop name has its roots in an old Fisher family expression that defined anything that was 'top of the line'. Whether a nice home, a Rolex watch, a perfectly executed glass of sweet tea or a fine suit, if the product or service delivers a wonderful, best-in-class experience, "treetop" defines it, and what we do for our customers every day, in every way.

Treetop founders, Bill Fisher, Tom Boje and Dwight Hanson, have roots in the Omaha community. Dwight and Bill both worked at public accounting firms in their early years before meeting at ACI, which is where they met Tom – all three worked together to substantially grow the company through the late 90's. Together, they invested in several other businesses and became part of a nucleus at a local start-up. From the relationships they established in their previous companies, all three were part of an informal network of entrepreneurs... many of which came to them seeking advice on a variety of business issues. They decided to start a company to provide services to individuals and start-up companies. Their first customer was someone from their past that was looking to establish a family office for their diversified holdings. Eventually, they branched out and began working with several start-up companies to consult on fundraising and basic financial models."

IDEATION VENTURES

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"Ideation Ventures was founded in 2005 by John Gustafson. The mission of Ideation Ventures is provide unique services to assist the managers and investors of private, high growth and middle market companies with the planning and execution of strategic transactions.

These services are based on our founder's experience from all sides of the "deal table", including assisting in the management of two early stage venture capital funds, running a holding company focused on healthcare technology, and serving as CEO of an operating company acquired by a billion-dollar publicly traded firm. These experiences covered the information technology, healthcare, manufacturing, distribution, financial services, real estate, and transaction processing industries. In addition to dozens of venture financing rounds, his portfolio companies underwent numerous liquidity events - ranging from public offerings to acquisitions by public corporations and orderly liquidations of underperforming assets. John has an MBA in management and strategy from the Kellogg Graduate School at Northwestern University. He also graduated from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln with a degree in Accounting and earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. John holds the Series 62, 63, and 79 securities licenses and is a registered representative of M&A Securities Group, Inc., which is not an affiliate of Ideation Ventures. John was named to M&A Advisor's annual "40 Under 40" list in the Dealmaker category as recognition for achieving a high level of success in the mergers and acquisition, financing, and restructuring industry.

A strategic relationship is in place with CFO Systems, a firm that provides interim and timeshare CFOs and Controllers to middle market companies throughout the United States. This relationship provides additional resources to Ideation Ventures clients that have short-term needs with turnaround situations, filling temporary personnel gaps, or rapidly preparing for a pending transaction, as well as long-term needs for timeshare executives. Contact us to learn more about how we can assist in these areas."

PRAIRIE VENTURES

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"Prairie Ventures is a private investment fund and a cooperative of entrepreneurs and investors. We provide industry experience and leadership with a mission of finding, growing and producing untapped business technology resources and concepts.

Established in July of 2000, we currently operate a dynamic portfolio of individual companies and investment positions. Our 80+ years of aggregate investment, technology and healthcare experience, as well as our successes in the industry, position us to help you have outstanding outcomes."

PRIVATE EQUITY

THE OPTIMAS GROUP

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"**The Optimas Group, LLC** is a venture capital firm specializing in investments in early stage, emerging, and established businesses. The firm does not invest in consumer-based retail, food and beverage related businesses, and heavy manufacturing. It seeks to invest in business-to-business companies."

MCCARTHY CAPITAL

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"**McCarthy Capital** is an Omaha-based private equity firm focused exclusively on lower middle market companies with less than \$250 million of revenues. For more than 25 years, the McCarthy organization has been partnering with founders, families and exceptional management teams to support the growth of their companies. We build businesses in partnership with management teams pursuing a variety of strategies for creating long-term value. We tailor investment structures to accommodate the needs of all stakeholders, enabling us to act as either a minority or majority investor. The Firm manages more than \$900 million of investment capital and typically invests \$10 to \$50 million of equity in a mix of growth equity investments, recapitalizations and management buyouts."

JAVLIN CAPITAL

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"**Javlin Capital** is the brain child of Rob Johnson and Jack Lavin. In 2009, following the credit crunch, many small-to-medium-size businesses were forced to pull back and sacrifice growth, and sometimes solvency. Rob, Jack, and a small group of investors recognized opportunity to provide liquidity at a make-or-break time, so they crafted an investment approach combining a unique mix of financial resources, creativity, and operational expertise. They recruited a select group of tenured professionals, set up shop in a small office, and went to work.

Since incorporating in 2011, Javlin Capital has grown to more than 50 professionals—working from Omaha, New York City, Phoenix, Chicago, Minneapolis, and Dublin, Ohio—deploying more than \$300 million in a variety of asset classes. Turns out, there are many small-to-medium-size businesses who need capital and long-term partnerships. And so far, we've only scratched the surface."

INVEST NEBRASKA FUNDS

ANGEL SIDECAR FUND

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About: <http://www.investnebraska.com/access-to-capital/requirements/>

"**Invest Nebraska's Angel Sidecar Fund** focuses on making matching investments alongside angel investor funds. In conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and through funding from the State Small Business Credit Initiative, a program of The Treasury Department of the Federal Government."

NEBRASKA INNOVATION FUND

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"The Nebraska Department of Economic Development ("NDED"), through the Business Innovation Act, created the **Nebraska Innovation Fund** ("NIF"). The NIF consists of three core programs: (1) Pre-seed Fund (prototyping), (2) Seed Fund (commercialization stage), (3) Value-Added Agriculture."

VENTURE BANKING

SILICON VALLEY BANK

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"**Silicon Valley Bank, Inc.** operates as a commercial bank that provides commercial banking products and services. The company offers treasury management services in the areas, such as receivables, payables, deposits, investments, and asset management; online and mobile banking, direct file transmissions, and fraud resource services; credit solutions and commercial card programs; strategic advisory services, valuation services, and merger and acquisition accounting and reporting services; international banking, foreign exchange, trade finance, export-import, and gateway services; and wealth advisory, private banking, and founder liquidity services. It serves technology, software and Internet, hardware and infrastructure, life science and healthcare, clean technology, wine, limited partners, venture capital and private equity, and community development finance industries worldwide. The company was incorporated in 1982 and is headquartered in Santa Clara, California with locations

worldwide. It also has offices in the United States, the United Kingdom, Israel, China, and India. Silicon Valley Bank, Inc. operates as a subsidiary of SVB Financial Group."

"For more than 30 years, Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) has helped innovative companies and their investors move bold ideas forward, fast. SVB provides targeted financial services and expertise through its offices in innovation centers around the world. With commercial, international and private banking services, SVB helps address the unique needs of innovators. *Forbes* named SVB one of America's best banks (2015) and one of America's best-managed companies (2014)."

GRANTS / TAX CREDITS

NDED

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"**The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED)** is the official lead economic development agency for Nebraska. Created by the Legislature in 1967, DED's emphasis is growing and diversifying the state's "economic base," bringing new dollars into the state."

PROTOTYPING PROGRAM

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About: <http://www.neded.org/business/talent-a-innovation-initiative/business-innovation-act>

"**The Nebraska Innovation Fund (NIF)** establishes a program to provide financial assistance to individuals and businesses operating in Nebraska to support proof of concept activities. The total funds available through the NIF Prototyping Program will be a maximum of \$1 million each year under the Qualified Action Plan.

There will be an open application cycle, and approved applications will be funded until the allocation is exhausted; however, DED reserves the right to award a maximum of \$500,000 in the first 6 months of the program year. "

SBIR MATCHING PROGRAM

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About: <http://www.neded.org/business/talent-a-innovation-initiative/business-innovation-act>

"The Nebraska Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Initiative establishes a program to

provide financial assistance to small businesses with a principal place of business in Nebraska. This initiative by the State of Nebraska is designed to support applications to the federal Small Business Innovation Research program (Phase 0) and for the matching of successful federal Small Business Innovation Research program applications (Phase 1 and 2). The total funds available through the Nebraska SBIR Initiative will be a maximum of \$1 million per year. The federal Small Business Innovation Research program provides funding competitions in two phases that are relevant to the Nebraska SBIR Initiative. Phase 1- to conduct feasibility research; and Phase 2- to expand and develop Phase 1 results into commercially viable innovations. The federal SBIR program is administered by 11 federal agencies. Applicants for federal SBIR program funding compete by submitting proposals in response to solicitations issued by the participating federal agencies."

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<http://www.neded.org/files/businessdevelopment/talentinnovation/businessinnovation/NEDED%20R&D%20Grant%20Guidelines.pdf>

"The Research and Development Grant program provides an opportunity for the State of Nebraska to partner with Nebraska businesses, Nebraska Colleges and Nebraska Universities to fund research and development activities that lead to new or better products, process, and innovations that might not result without state assistance."

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"In 2011, Nebraska passed the **Nebraska Angel Investment Tax Credit** Act, pursuant to which the

Nebraska Department of Economic Development is authorized to issue up to \$3,000,000 in refundable Tax Credits in each year commencing in 2011 and continuing through 2019. The Department cannot allocate any Angel Investment Tax Credits after 2019."

ACCELERATORS/INCUBATORS

STRAIGHT SHOT

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"**Straight Shot** helps developing technology startups go to market with a sustainable path to revenue generation and future profits. Straight Shot's first two classes included companies with founders coming to Omaha from San Francisco, Chicago, Portland, Raleigh, and more. Founded by Mark Hasebroock, a co-founder of GiftCertificates.com and Hayneedle, and supported by a deeply experienced and talented pool of strategic mentors, Straight Shot offers participating startups unmatched perspective and knowledge needed to succeed.

Straight Shot provides entrepreneurs employing e-commerce and software as a service business models with a direct path to revenue, advisors, technology needs, and more. Straight Shot's vision is to make Omaha a regional entrepreneurial hub and show the world our region is a uniquely qualified place for innovative talent to be developed and nurtured. Straight Shot contributes to this effort by providing an annual technology accelerator for rising companies as well as through strategic partnerships within the greater Omaha corporate community."

THE GARAGE BY AVITURE

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"**The Garage** provides an environment for web-based startups to develop concepts into products and teams into companies."

"Beyond an accelerator, founders need avenues to continue honing ideas and challenging assumptions as their product evolves. The Garage offers the space, the team, and the network to get them there."

AKSARBEN INNOVATION INITIATIVE

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"**Aksarben Innovation Initiative**, a collaboration between the Scott Technology Center, University of Nebraska at Omaha's Maverick Innovations and Jim Young Jr., co-founder of the Aksarben Discovery Fund and member of the Nebraska Angels, is proud to announce its debut of the Lean LaunchPad program in Omaha this summer. Developed by Stanford professor and serial entrepreneur Steve Blank, Lean LaunchPad focuses on the market viability of a concept prior to product development and allows start-ups to stay accountable, track progress and validate results. It has been and is being used by entrepreneurs and innovators around the world as well as U.S. government agencies such as the National Science Foundation. Many corporations also use this process internally as it provides detailed documentation, not just biased feedback."

NMOTION

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"**NMotion** is a mentor-driven, education-focused, startup accelerator based in Lincoln, Nebraska. We focus on high-growth software and technology-based businesses in targeted industries of agriculture, education, finance/insurance, healthcare, human resources, and sports."

SCC INCUBATOR

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"**A business incubator** is exactly what the name implies - a place for a business to grow during its beginning stages. Incubation is designed to provide support, access to resources, and a community environment for entrepreneurs.

In our resident Incubator, business owners have their own offices, shared use of copy/fax/scan machine, and access to our business coaches and peer networking - all in a professional setting. During the three-year period, Incubator business owners are required to continue their education and or training, meet with our business coaches, and write a comprehensive business plan.

A business owner may also choose to participate in our virtual incubation track. Business owners enjoy the same benefits and are held to the same commitments as in the resident Incubator but do not lease office space on-site. Coaching appointments can be done on-site, over the phone/video conference, or at the owner's place of business. "

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"**VentureTech** formally known as i2rd was founded in 1993 by Dr. Don Nelson and Dr. Muhlin Chen. Both gentlemen recognized the need for software development to be a collaborative experience with a mix of business, technical, and feedback from end users to ensure success."

"Over the years the technology has changed but the core principles and values hold true today at VentureTech. Year after year, our clients have valued our honesty and integrity. They've trusted us to deliver the best solutions and processes to them, and together we've developed a long-term partnership for business success. Our clients will recommend us to you."

We succeed for our clients because of our employees. It begins with how they approach every workday - with the excitement that they're creating leading-edge technology and offering personalized service to our clients. We encourage every employee to be a leader at work and at home because that makes VentureTech a stronger, more vigorous, more responsive company."

THE START CENTER

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"**The Start Center** for Entrepreneurship is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that engages the health and growth of early stage startup ventures in urban and mixed income communities. Our goal is to diversify the number of startup ventures in Omaha by cultivating early identification entrepreneurial talent in the challenged and mixed income communities of North Omaha."

THE YEAR OF THE STARTUP

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"**Year of the Startup** is a residential seed accelerator based in Omaha, Nebraska. Our startup founders live together in a startup house (Yes, just like HBO's "Silicon Valley"). Our program is unique in that it lasts an entire year, which gives a startup founder ample time to validate, develop, and launch their industry disruptin', status quo shatterin', economic growth creatin' company. "