

Central New Mexico



New Mexico's Technology Triangle (T²) is an industry-driven, non-profit regional development alliance affiliated with New Mexico Tech University that supports the growth of entrepreneurship, talent and innovation in New Mexico's green manufacturing industries including renewable energy, green building, aerospace/aviation, microelectronics and optics.

New Mexico's central region is emerging as one of the nation's top high technology hubs, built on the strength of its advanced manufacturing and clean energy industries, research & development work, and the potential for innovation where these sectors collide. "Green manufacturing" businesses are attracted to this economic zone because of its focus on clean energy; growing demand for clean energy generated by progressive energy policies; world-class science laboratories and research universities that stimulate rapid advancements; abundant clean energy natural resources; and an improving workforce. This emerging "Technology Triangle" at New Mexico's core enjoys synergistic ties with related regional clusters, including renewable energy in the east and aerospace/aviation in the southeast.

In cooperation with a broad array of stakeholders within and beyond the eight-county economic region, T² proposes to coordinate an inter-regional effort to stimulate entrepreneurship, advance the development of the technical workforce and create a public policy environment that supports and rewards innovation.

The Seeding Innovation initiative addresses the major challenges that impede the growth of T² and the state's other green manufacturing regions. It brings together capital, corporate, R&D, education, workforce and government resources in a virtuous cycle of cluster business demand and workforce supply.

T² partners include corporations and a diverse group of other partners providing capital, labor force, training and government support. As partners, T² provides its members access to capital resources, networks and expertise that will grow their businesses as well as access to a pipeline of talent. T² uses the market power of its members to:

1. Accelerate industry innovation, technology commercialization and small business development, which increase the competitiveness and durability of the cluster and lead to high wage, high demand jobs;

Central New Mexico

2. Generate a pipeline of workers to fill these jobs who have the higher-order thinking, language and reasoning skills as well as fundamental technical know-how that are needed by businesses across the cluster; and
3. Create an ideal public policy environment for producing those workers.

New Mexico's T² uses an inventive approach to transformation by bringing together all the necessary partners in a 21st century workforce education system – employers, education, economic development (E3) – in a single alliance.

Regional Partnership Members

The New Mexico T² initiative includes the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions; New Mexico Tech University; Workforce Connection of Eastern New Mexico; Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico; New Mexico Department of Economic Development; the Department of Energy, Environment and Natural Resources; Central New Mexico Community College; Clovis Community College; San Juan College; Santa Fe Community College; Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute; and the University of New Mexico at Gallup.