Spaces and Culture that Inspire
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What is NIC?

• NIC is a campus designed to facilitate new & in-depth partnerships between the University of Nebraska & private sector businesses.
• NIC connects the talents of experts, companies & the university to create a unique culture of innovation.
NIC Culture

Creating physical space and events/programs that:

• Encourage unplanned conversations and creative collisions

• Promote encounters and innovation

• Engage university faculty, staff, students and the general community
NIC Master Plan
Maps & Renderings
Master Plan

- 2.2 million square feet
- 25 year build-out plan
- Average 80K square feet/year
NIC Facilities
Innovation Commons, Food Innovation Center, Greenhouse Innovation Center & Rise Building
455,000 Sq. Ft. Complete +
The Scarlet Hotel Under Construction
Innovation Commons - North
65,000 Sq. Ft.
Innovation Advancement Suites

- Shared office concept
- Hot desks, single offices & small office suites available for lease
- Utilities, insurance, taxes & common area maintenance included in rent
- 24-hour access, 365 days per year (key card access)
- 2 conference rooms
  - Large room: seats 16
  - Small room: seats 4
- Kitchenette
The Mill Coffee & Bistro

- Game changer for NIC
- Opened June 12, 2017
- Coffee, food and adult beverages on site
- Created a place where people felt welcome – especially students and the general community
- Created additional events and event space
Innovation Commons – South
90,000 Sq. Ft.
The NIC Conference Center is operated and managed by the Nebraska Alumni Association. The facility includes a 400-seat auditorium with power at each seat, banquet hall and 8 breakout rooms.
Nebraska Innovation Studio

Nebraska Innovation Studio is a dedicated space where creators of all sorts can innovate, collaborate and fabricate.
Food Innovation Center
178,000 Sq. Ft.
The Food Processing Center
Biotech Connector

A collaboration between Nebraska Innovation Campus, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Invest Nebraska, Nebraska Department of Economic Development & Bio Nebraska

• 10,000 sq. feet of wet lab research space
• Open, interactive laboratory design
• Fully furnished
• Short-to medium-term occupancy by small to mid-sized biotechnology firms
• Catalyze research advances and stimulate the development of technologies with commercialization potential
Greenhouse Innovation Center
45,000 Sq. Ft.
LemnaTec System
The Rise Building
75,000 Sq. Ft.

Features & Amenities:
- Bright and modern space
- Build to suit space available on all three floors
- The Hub @ Rise
  - Furnished offices of varying size, collaboration spaces, shared breakroom and conference room
The Combine

- Dedicated desks and private offices
- Commercialization support through mentorship and a capital readiness program, network events and a network of partnering producers across the state
- Founding Sponsors
  - Invest Nebraska
    - The state’s public-private venture development organization
  - Nebraska Department of Economic Development

Incubator space for agriculture and food-related startup companies
Opening July 2021

Features & Amenities:
• Privately owned, operated and managed
• Six-story, 154-room Marriott Tribute property
• Educational space for the UNL HRTM Program
• Will add amenities to NIC
  • Full-service restaurant
  • Rooftop bar
  • Expanded fitness facility

To nominate a Nebraskan, go to: www.scarlethotelnebraska.com
Sustainability

Sustainability & Attention to the Environment
Matter
Sustainability

• NIC is committed to developing a sustainable environment
  • Central Renewable Energy System (CRES)
  • Zero Waste Facility
  • Smart Buildings
  • Minimum LEED Silver Design Standards
CRES Heating/Cooling System

Flow Diagram
Lincoln, Nebraska

Central Renewable Energy System
RECLAIMED WATER
PUMP
HEAT EXCHANGERS
SUPPLY
RETURN

Nebraska Innovation Campus
OFFICE SPACE
LAB SPACE
3 Bin Waste System
Hefty® EnergyBag Program

The Hefty® EnergyBag program is an innovative program that uses orange Hefty® bags with existing recycling services to collect previously non-recycled plastics and convert them into valuable energy resources.
NIC Pivots to PPE Manufacturing Hub during COVID-19 Global Pandemic
Hand Sanitizer Production

The Food Processing Center became a FDA approved over-the-counter drug production facility

Timeline: April 5 – July 31

200,000 gallons of hand sanitizer

98% of ingredients were donated

Given away free of charge

https://handsanitizer.unl.edu/
Collaborators

• University of Nebraska-Lincoln
• Food Processing Center
• Terry Howell
• Dr. Hunter Flodman
• Jan tenBensel
• Green Plains
• BASF
• Phillips 66
• Cargill
• Syngenta
• KAPPA Ethanol
• Sapp Bros
• State of Nebraska
• Craig Peterson
• Nebraska National Guard
  • And more!
Nebraska Innovation Studio closed to the public but its leaders worked around the clock to produce face shields & disposable gowns.

It only took 10 days to go from the initial idea to mass production.

Face shield parts were made every 30 seconds via injection molding.

33,000 face shields & 2,000 gowns.
Collaborators

• College of Engineering
• National Strategic Research Institute
• Terry Research Lab
• Ben Terry
• Dr. Shane Farritor
• David Martin
• Jerry Reif
• Max Wheeler
• Lincoln Public Schools
• Firespring
• Midlands Packaging
• Lincoln Tool and Design
• Snap-on
• Kawasaki
• Li-Cor
  • And others!
Recipients

- 6,500 USDA Food Safety Inspection Service Locations
- K-12 school districts across the state of Nebraska
- University of Nebraska campuses
- Hospitals
- Dental offices
- Frontline health care providers
- First responders
- Nursing homes
- Childcare centers
  - And beyond!
NIC Partners

NIC is Home to Over 40 Partners with Diverse Interests & Specialties
NIC Partners

THE FOOD PROCESSING CENTER
THE MILL
COFFEE & BISTRO
BUILDING AMERICA
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
VIRTUAL INCISION
Be a NIC Champion

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• Follow us on Twitter: @NIC_Innovates
• Find us on LinkedIn
• Lease space
• Refer a potential company
• Host an event at the NIC Conference Center
• Share our story with others
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