



UW-Stout Incubator Space Available in Menomonie, Wisconsin

Opportunities exist for start-up businesses with tailored support by the University of Wisconsin-Stout, College of Technology, Engineering and Management in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Commerce.

Business incubation is a support process that accelerates the successful development of start-up companies by providing entrepreneurs with an array of targeted resources and services. A business incubator's main goal is to produce successful firms that will leave the program financially viable and freestanding, and will contribute to the economic wellbeing of the region.

Critical to the UW-Stout Incubator Program is the provision of management guidance, technical assistance, and consulting tailored to growing companies. This is accomplished through interaction with the faculty, students, and staff of the University, the UW-Stout Center for Innovation and Development, the Wisconsin Small Business Development Centers, and the Centers of the Stout Technology Transfer Institute – including the Northwest Wisconsin Manufacturing Outreach Center.

The **on-campus Incubator** is located within the Applied Arts Building at University of Wisconsin-Stout. This 6,000 square foot facility provides an open manufacturing layout of 4,500 square feet, 800 square feet of material and tool storage, and an additional 600 square feet of office space. The facility is equipped with the following:

- Fadal CNC machining center
- Powermatic disc and belt sander
- Pneumatic drops
- Z-corporation 3-dimensional printer
- Dust collection system
- Telephone and internet access
- Binks spray booth
- Pexto brake
- Sub panels with 125 amp 120/208 3 phase, and 100 amp 277/480 3 phase electrical power
- Rockwell planer
- Sheldon Engine lathe
- Miller wirefeed welder
- Bridgeport vertical mill
- Baker electric forklift
- Rockwell drill presses

Tenants are entitled to the shared use of the above with the expectation that consumables be replaced at the lessee's expense. Tenant-owned equipment may be moved into the facility upon approval by the Incubator director. All moving, rigging, and connection fees are the responsibility of the tenant.

In addition to the on-campus Incubator, Incubator space is also available at the **Oaklawn Harmony Centre**, a 30,634 square foot building located at 3375 Kothlow Avenue in the Stout Technology Park on the eastside of Menomonie, Wisconsin.

The **Manufacturing Technology Incubator** is 3,131 square feet with ceiling height of 14 ft. featuring:

- Access through common entry and dedicated rear entry
- Truck access with loading one loading dock (9 x 10 ft) and drive in door
- Dedicated meters for gas and electrical service
- Parking for 4 vehicles behind building and 15 spaces available in front parking lot
- (2) 100 amp 20' Bus Ducts
- Sub panel with 400 amp. 120/208 3 phase power
- 2 floor drains
- Fiber optic, wireless technologies, and communication services, such as T-1 line expenses, are available thru area vendors and are paid by the tenant

The **Food Technology Incubator** is 2,868 square feet with a ceiling height of 14 ft. featuring:

- Access through common entry and dedicated rear entry
- Dedicated meters for gas and electrical service
- Truck access with loading dock (9 x 10 ft)
- Parking for 4 vehicles behind building with 15 in front parking lot
- Sub panels with 125 amp 120/208 3 phase, and 100 amp 277/480 3 phase
- 2 floor drains
- Room stubbed for 4 compartment sink, hand washing sink, dishwasher, mop sink
- Stainless steel work counter
- Upright freezer

Common space at Oaklawn includes conference room with seating for 16 people, common entrance to building with 9 tenants, mailboxes for each business, and public Restrooms across from each incubator.

The **Stout Business Acceleration Program** includes incubation space designed for emerging manufacturing technology and food technology businesses that are advanced in growth and may have transitioned from the Stout Technology Incubator Program. The intent of the program is to further accelerate the expansion of emerging technology businesses with developed products and an established market.

Acceptance to the program is contingent upon submission of a formal business plan and approval by the Incubator Advisory Board. This submission typically follows initial exploratory meetings with the Incubator director and a review of the business plan by Small Business Development Center personnel.

Criteria for Acceptance into Stout Technology Incubator or Acceleration Program

- Company is technology-oriented with proprietary technology and plans for product development.
- Company demonstrates strong market for products or services.
- Company offers potential for significant job creation in Northwest Wisconsin.
- Company plans to remain headquartered in Northwest Wisconsin.
- Involve faculty, staff, and students and be open to monthly tour groups.
- Utilize and develop new processes, materials, techniques, or products.
- Display need for UW-Stout's unique facilities and expertise in technology manufacturing and food manufacturing.
- Be in the developmental stage of product design and/or production for on-campus incubator, developed product and market for acceleration program.
- Space is available.
- Demonstrate safe practices and environmentally responsible material handling.
- Utilize the Northwest Wisconsin Manufacturing Outreach Center to implement a Lean/Flow strategy.

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