



Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ)

Indiana County KIZ

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KIZ COORDINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

The Indiana County KIZ coordinates programmatic activities for three institutions of higher education, the county economic development agencies and a variety of organizations interested in building a technology oriented and knowledge driven economy in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

- > **Operational partner/fiscal agent:** Indiana County Commissioners through the Indiana County Office of Planning and Development
- > **Institutions of Higher Education Partners:** Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana County Community College Center of WCCC, Indiana County Technology Center
- > **Partners:** Ben Franklin Technology PArtners of Central and Northern Pennsylvania, Indiana Regional Medical Center, Indiana County Chamber of Commerce, Indiana County Development Corporation, Indiana County Manufacturing Consortium, Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. (Healthcare, Information Technology (IT), and Back Office/Financial Consortiums), PA CareerLink Indiana County, various private businesses, financial institutions, venture capital and foundations.
- > **Industry Sectors:** Diversified Advanced Manufacturing including Wood Products, Advanced Sustainable Energy, Homeland Security and National Defense, Information (Assurance) Technology and Cyber Security, Healthcare and Human Services, and Back Office/Financial

PROGRAMATIC ELEMENTS OF THE INDIANA COUNTY KIZ

The Indiana County KIZ was developed to enhance industry sector growth and increased entrepreneurial activities in the downtown business district of Indiana Borough, White Township, Center Township, and Burrell Township, the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Campus, the Indiana County Small Business Incubator, and a number of read-to-go business parks and multi-tenant buildings, including Commerce Center, 300 Indian Springs Road, 280 Indian Springs Road, Wayne Avenue Plaza, 3-Ring Building, the B&W Building, and the Interchange Center, where companies can to grow and prosper. The Indiana County KIZ was established on January 25, 2007 and has the following goals and objectives for Year 1:

- Provide outreach and business assistance to establish KIZ eligibility and service needs for up to 8 companies and help to create an additional 2 start-up businesses, while creating up to 12 new full-time jobs and retaining up to 3 full-time jobs, and generating up to \$50,000 in revenues.
- Provide education and training to entrepreneurs and facilitate corporate partnerships and research contracts with KIZ industry/academia partners, and the placement of 5 interns.
- Assist in the filing of at least 2 patents.