



## Purdue Research Park

Purdue Research Park is home to more than 140 companies. Approximately 90 of these firms are technology-related, creating the largest cluster of these types of ventures in the state. Under development of the Purdue Research Foundation, a private, nonprofit foundation created to assist Purdue, the 591-acre research park is the largest university-affiliated, business incubation complex in the country. The park's technology transfer program, through the Office of Technology Commercialization, and business acceleration programs attract knowledge-based businesses to the state. The park received the Excellence in Technology Transfer Award and the Outstanding Science/Research Park Award from the American Association of University Research Parks in 2004 and 2005, respectively. Three technology centers, modeled after the Purdue Research Park, also attract high-tech businesses. They include:

- The Purdue Technology Center of Northwest Indiana. Located in Merrillville, it serves 20 technology-developing companies, of which 14 are tenants and six are affiliate companies.
- The Purdue Technology Center of Southeast Indiana. Located in New Albany, it will open in 2008. The center will contain 18,000 square feet of business incubator office and an office for Purdue's Technical Assistance Program. The Purdue College of Technology also will use space at the center for classrooms, labs, and faculty offices for the development of four new bachelor's degree programs.
- The Purdue Accelerator Park at AmeriPlex-Indianapolis. Expected to open in 2008, it is being created in partnership with Holladay Properties Inc. The 78-acre facility will accommodate up to 75 businesses and create 1,500 jobs.

## Purdue Center for Regional Development

The Purdue Center for Regional Development supports regional and multi-jurisdictional collaborative approaches to economic development by helping local communities work together. Its staff conducts applied research, policy analysis, and regional planning. They also provide educational and training programs. Additional resources are devoted to fostering regional dialogues or networks and responding to technical assistance requests.

The center also administers the Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) program in north-central Indiana, through which Purdue was awarded a U.S. Department of Labor Work Force grant. WIRED experts assist manufacturers in controlling healthcare costs, expanding energy efficiency technical skills, refining the agribusiness supply chain, implementing nano-coated tooling technology, and adopting innovative methods for new product development.



Kara Bartolone, a Lafayette Harrison High School senior, presents an "elevator pitch" as part of the Purdue Research Park Entrepreneurship Academy.