



Engineering Success



Discussion Outline

- A Merging of Competencies and Perspectives
- A Pilot Endeavor
- KOIN: Adding to the Rural Development ED Portfolio
- Networking the Rural and Urban

A migration to a complementary relationship

AMI

Tech
Development

Innovation-based
Regional ED

Regional
Development

Who We Are...











- Mission: to advance technologies, people, and companies through collaborative engineering and business partnerships.
- Clients: Startups, small companies, large corporations, and community partners

AMI's Professional Consulting Staff

- 15 full-time experienced technical/business professionals
 - 7 Mechanical engineering positions
 - 2 Chemical engineering positions
 - 1 Industrial engineering position
 - 1 Electrical engineering position
 - 1 Product designer position
 - 1 full-time technician
 - 1 Commercialization/business planning professional
 - 1 Economic analyst



The AMI Internship Experience – A Hands-on

Program

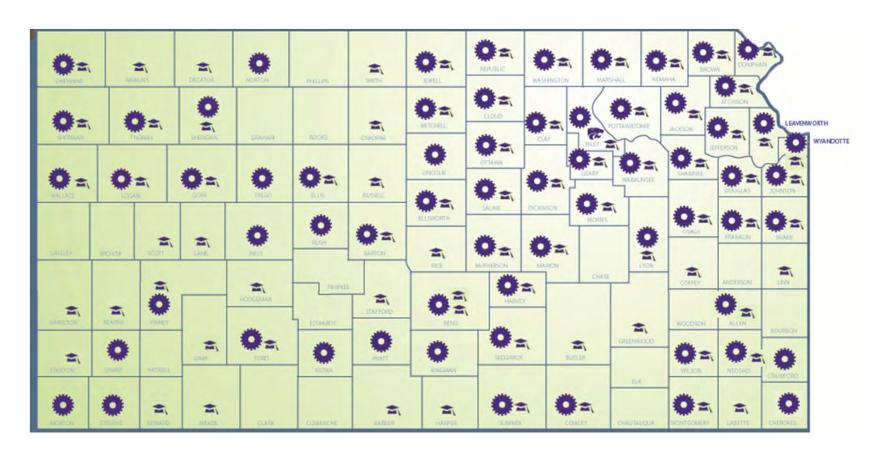
 Since 1995 over 450 students have interned at AMI

- Modeled after the proven "teaching hospital" mentoring approach
- Students have been from all the manufacturing-related engineering disciplines and school of business
- Experience focus is on developing:
- Technical skills
- Business perspective
- Communications skills
- Professionalism

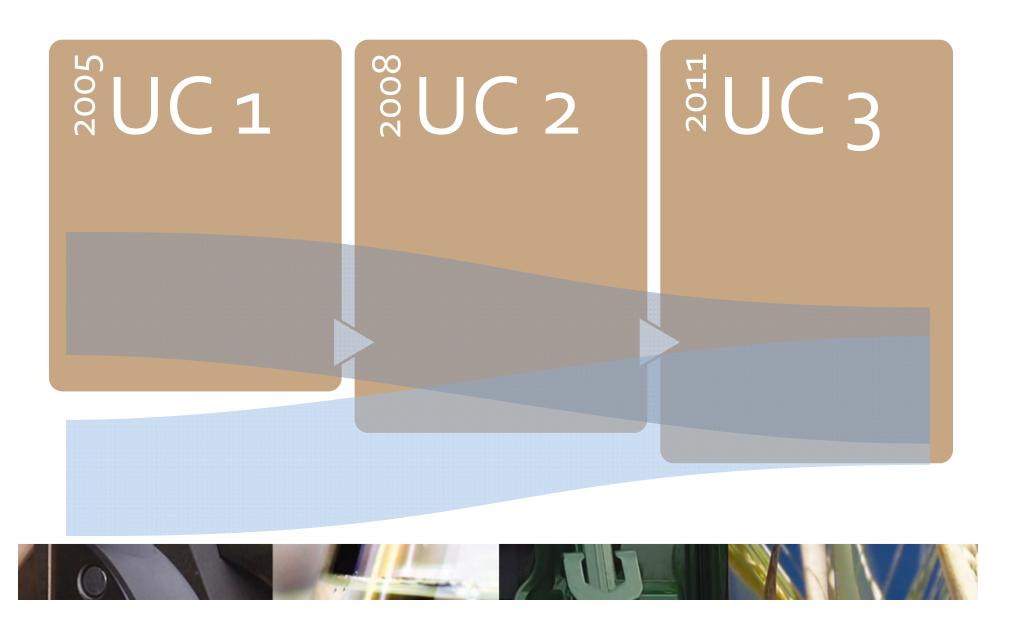


Who Uses AMI Services?

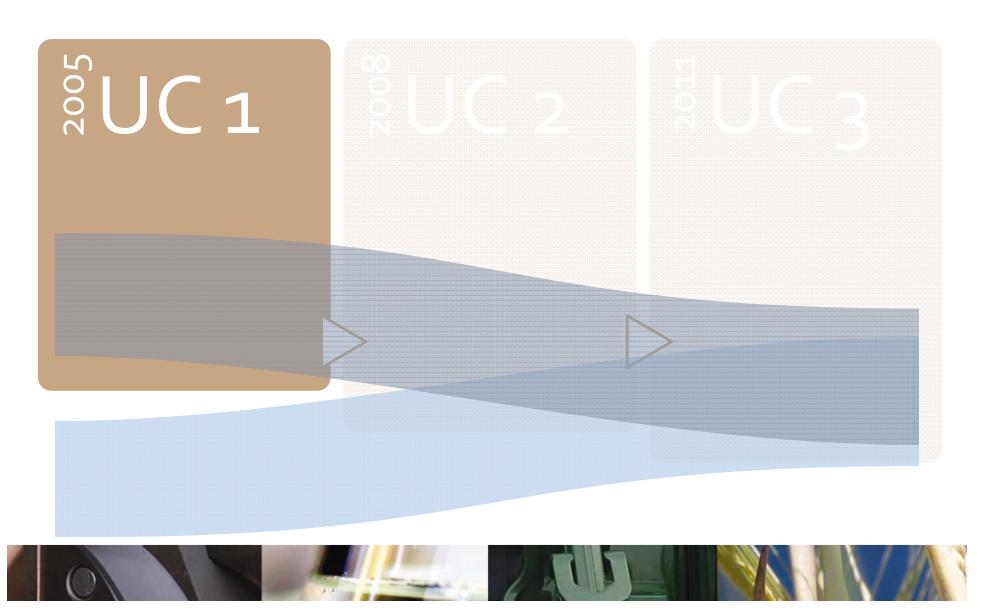
AMI has done projects in 66 Kansas Counties....



The Relationship Enabler: The EDA U/C Program



Early Stage Technology Development



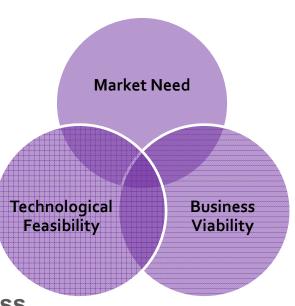
UC1: Early Stage Technology Development

Develop new products

Develop new processes and technologies

 Develop the means to bring products to market more rapidly

 Develop the means to produce products more efficiently.



Research

ESTD Agent

Technology Development

Product & Process

Development

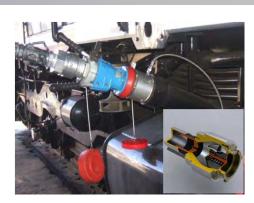
Commercialization











Integrated Business and Technology Development Services



	Preliminary Phase	
	Investigation	
Technical	Technology Concept Analysis	
Market	Market Needs Assessment	
Business	Venture Assessment	

Development Phase		
Feasibility	Development	Introduction
Technology Feasibility	Engineering Prototype	Pre-Production Prototype/ Pilot Plant
Market Study (Desirability)	Strategic Marketing Plan	Market Validation
Economic Viability	Strategic Business Plan	Business Start-Up

Commercialization Phase		
Full Scale Production	Maturity	
Production	Production Support	
Sales and Distribution	Market Diversification	
Business Growth	Business Maturity	

Source: Goldsmith Technology Commercialization Model











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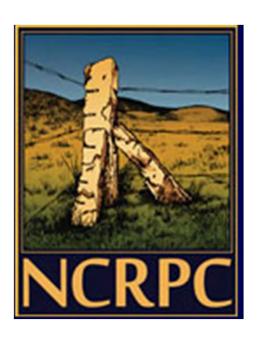


Questions AMI Asked at the end of UC1:

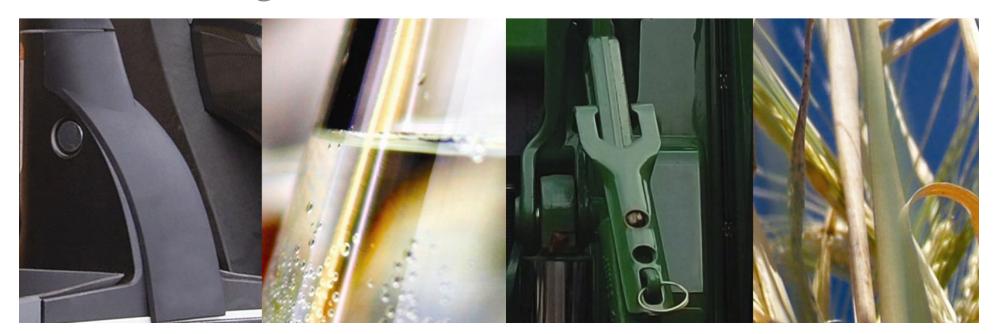
How can AMI:

- help more Kansas companies systematically connect to and accelerate top-line growth opportunities?
- help companies connect to required elements for growth regardless of location?
 - Source of Ideas/Technologies
 - Capital
 - Infrastructure
 - Expertise
 - Workforce
- facilitate greater connectedness of Kansas companies to identify and pursue new growth opportunities?
- impact more than one company at a time?

On a similar but parallel path in North Central Kansas...



Initial Stage Motivation



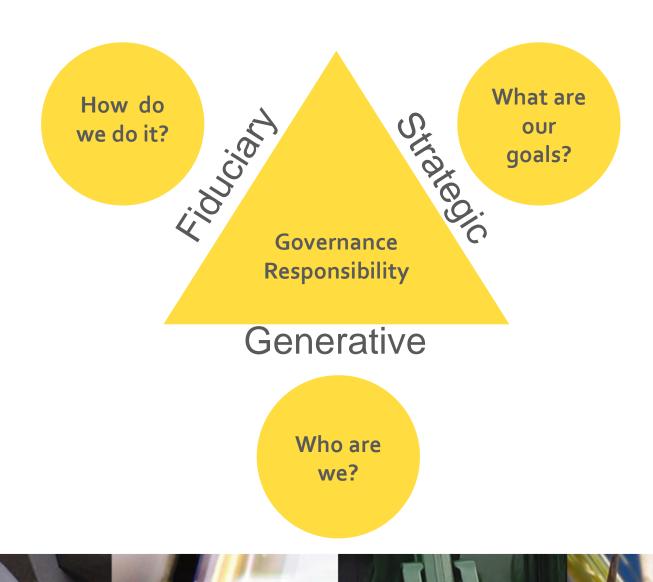
Epiphanies- 1995 to 2007

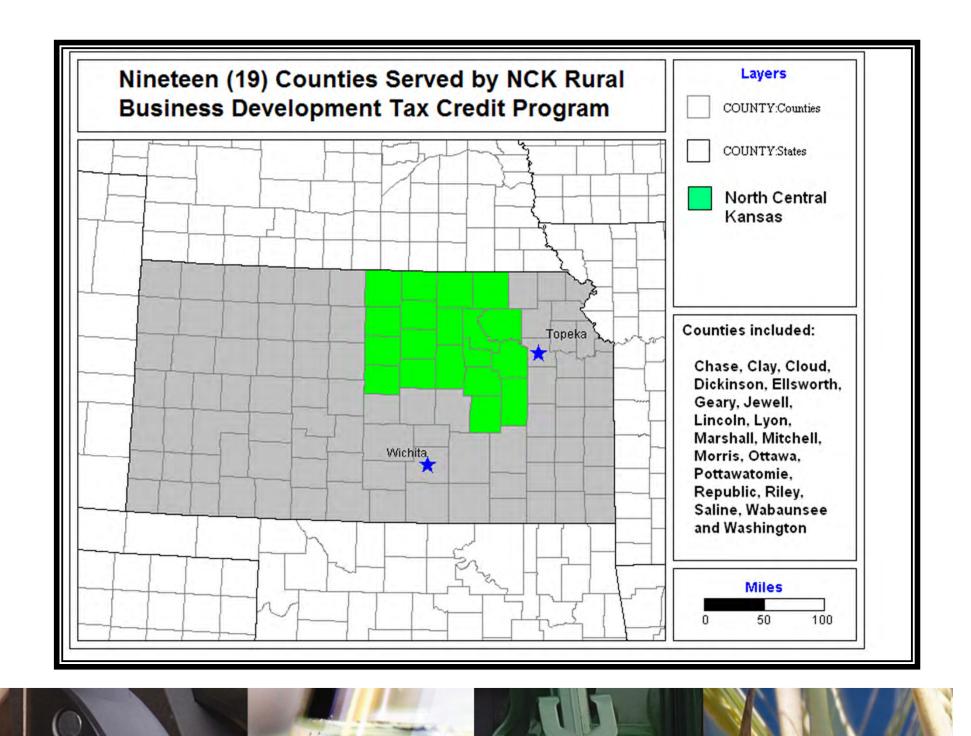
- The NCRPC, as an organization, can and should be a partner in all aspects of project planning, development and implementation to the extent it actively assumes a portion of the risk.
- The urban rural dichotomy exists only in policy, not in reality.
- "Administrative regions" restrict thought.
- The link between "community" and "corporate place" needs to be removed.

Issues Facing Rural Locations



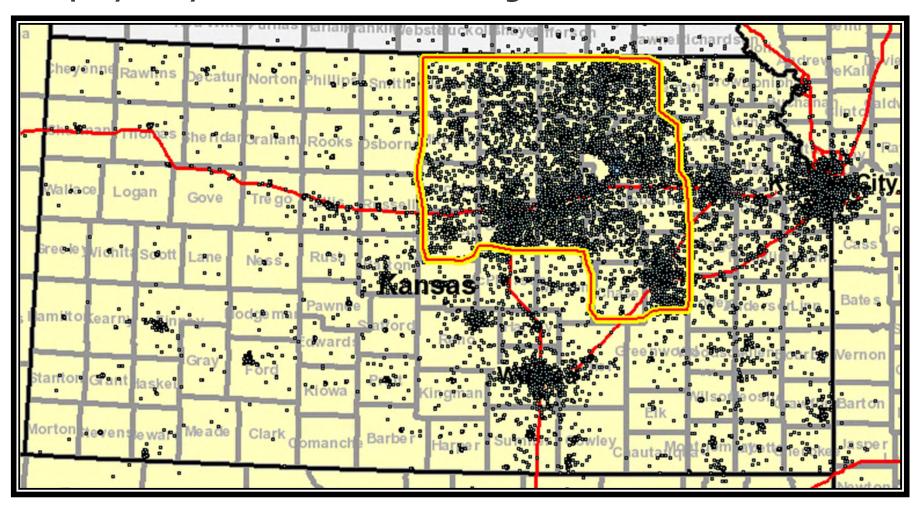
Strategic Thinking





NCK RBDTC Region

Home Location of Individuals Employed by Businesses in NCK Region



NCRPC 2005 CEDS UC Integration

Strategy 10: Further engage the Advanced Manufacturing Institute (AMI), which is associated with the School of Engineering at Kansas State University.

Objective 10.1: Ensure area business has access to engineering, production and

marketing knowledge otherwise absent in the region as a means of

meeting special business needs.

Objective 10.2: Create a mechanism whereby AMI can refer product ideas to those

North Central Kansas businesses which have both the capacity and

capability of producing the product.

Objective 10.3: Work with AMI to devise a technology based economic

development program that provides detailed knowledge on the

business networks serving businesses within the region.

Objective 10.4: Create a "pipeline" that enables qualified ideas and technologies,

products, outside expertise, and capital to flow into North Central

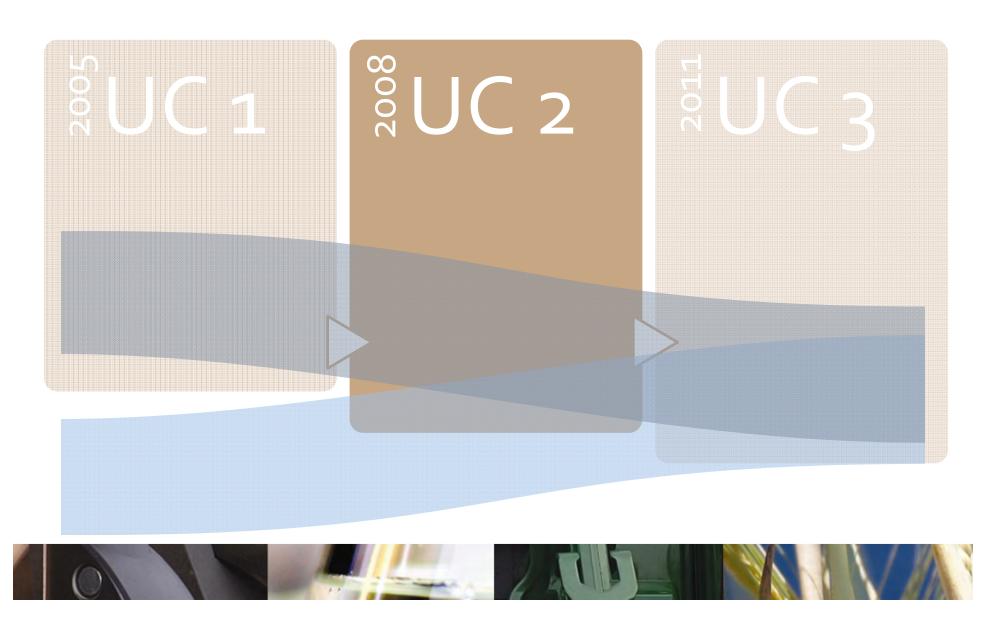
Kansas.

Initial Regional Pilot Project Origins

Questions / Requests posed of AMI

- What business clusters are operating in NCK?
- Which business sectors are growing and which business sectors are fading?
- What linkages exist between the various business sectors present?
- Is there a way to illustrate the data in map form that makes it easier for local leadership to better understand the regional economy?

UC2: Developing a Shared Perspective

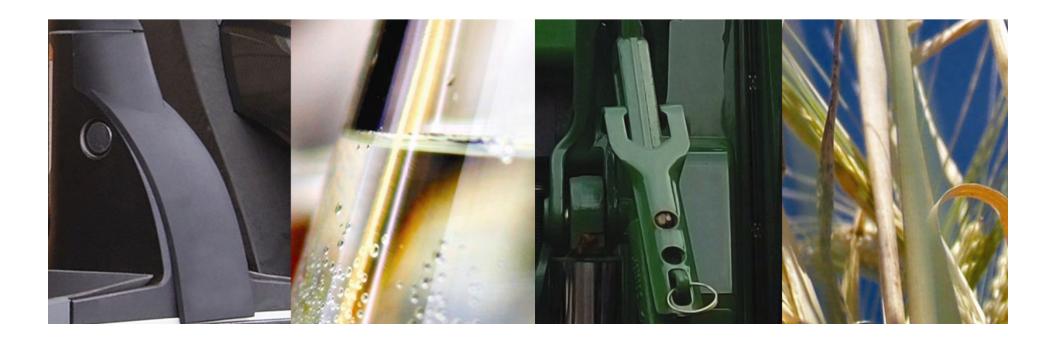


North Central Kansas Regional Industry Cluster Analysis and Innovation Networking Project

(A Core Component of AMI's UC2 Grant)



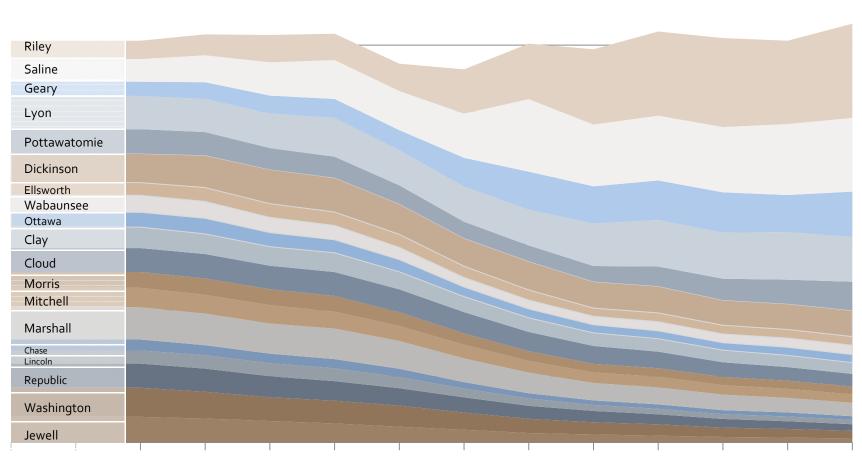
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Learning's From and During Pilot Project

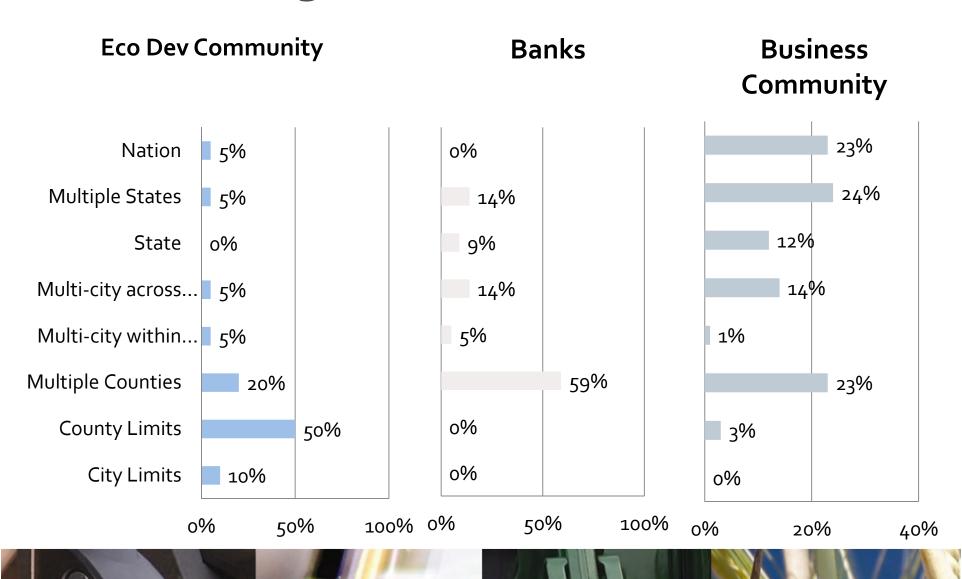
- Population Dynamics
- Perspectives
- Clusters
- Social Networks
- Wicked Problems

Total Population in Region



1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010

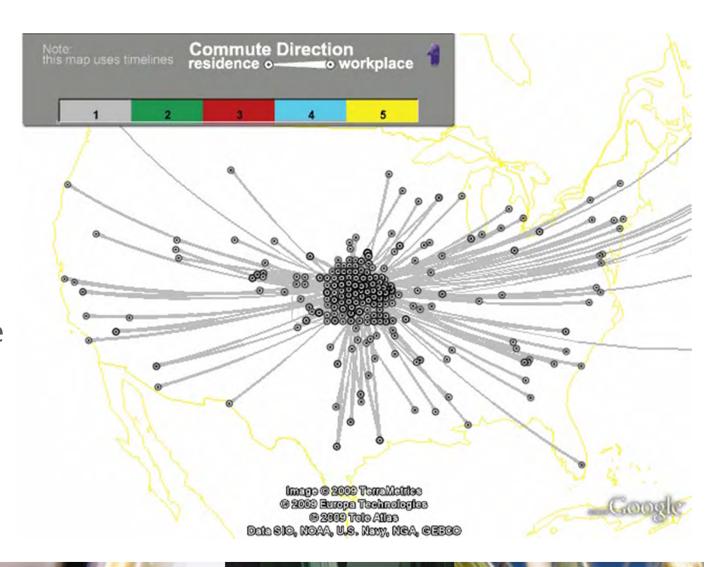
What is a Region?



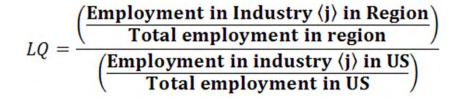
Regional Analysis - Interdependencies

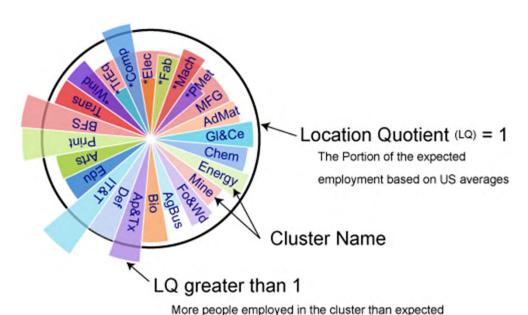
Workflow

Shows
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work
through the
world



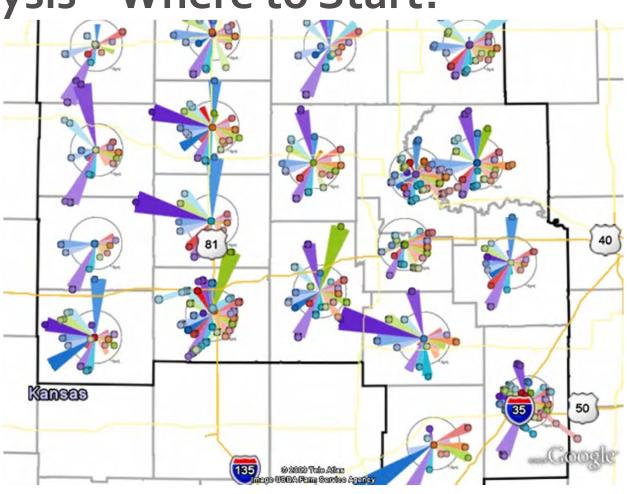
LQ Bursts as a Measure of Region Clusters





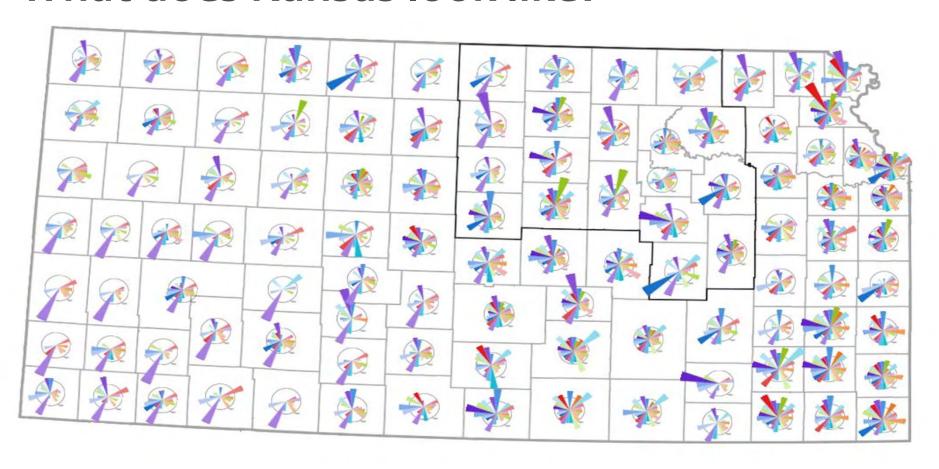
Regional Analysis – Where to Start?

- Focus on traded industries
- What do we:
 - Preserve?
 - Extend?
 - Combine?
- Assess innovation readiness
- Need to redefine clusters in rural regions
- Visualization can reshape the discussion



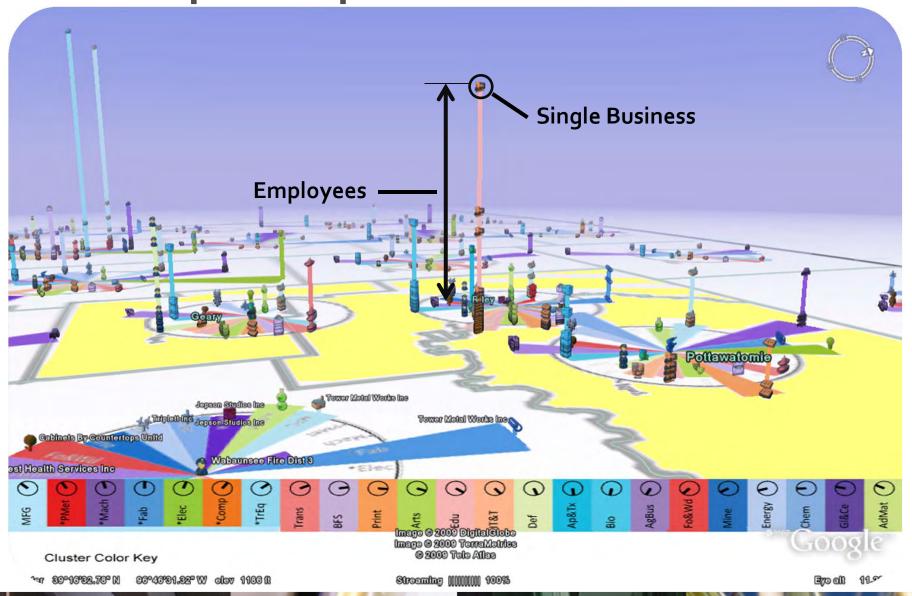
AMI.NCRPC.ORG

What does Kansas look like?

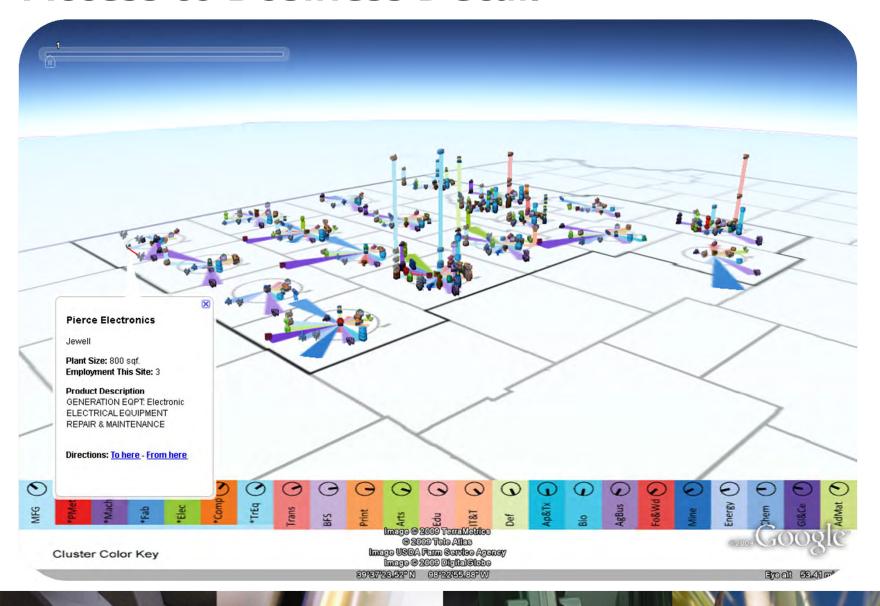




Landscape Perspective

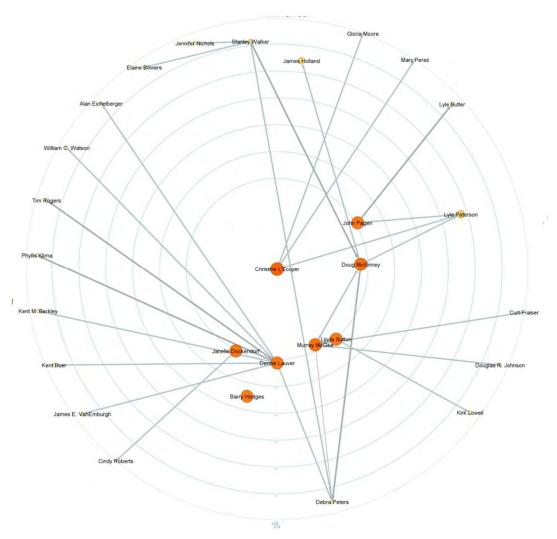


Access to Business Detail



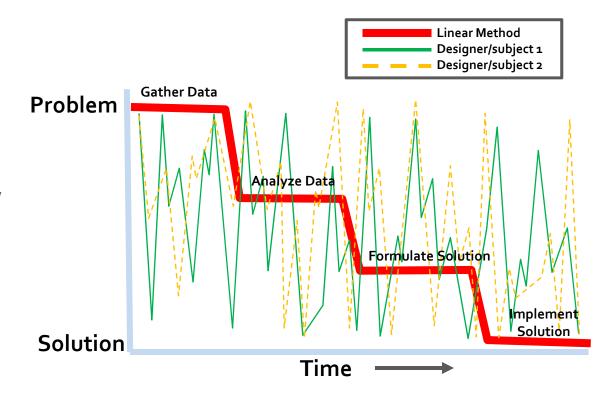
Connectedness - Social Network Analysis Maps

- Identify network stars
- Find the missing links
- Find best paths to connect the unconnected
- Develop supply chain linkages
- Metrics show connectivity and importance of each node



Rural Development is a Wicked Problem

- Don't understand the problem until have developed a solution
- Have no stopping rule
- Solutions not right-or-wrong, but better-or-worse
- Can't learn about the problem without trying solutions –likely to spawn new problems
- Unique and novel
- Symptom not the problem
- Social complexity people!





Thus, How Can Rural Regions Compete?



The Rural Economic Development Portfolio

Recruitment

Grow Your Own

Incentive Focus

Clustering

Entrepreneurship

Using local tax dollar to recruit new business from other areas in to your region Acknowledge a concentration of existing businesses and develop policy to support companies

Develop policy and/or services to support individual startup and existing businesses



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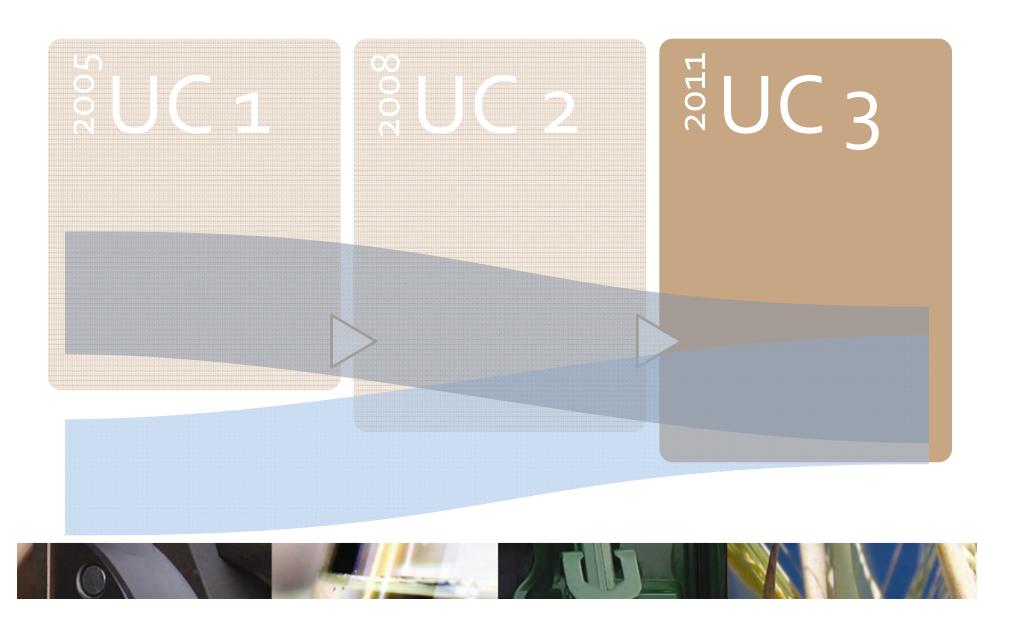


Building Connectedness to Business Opportunities

Based on input from our partners and clients, a viable "connectedness" solution must:

- Weave peer to peer business development opportunity networks
- Focus on clustering need and competencies, not just industries
- Connect to global market development opportunities/infrastructure
- Focus entrepreneurship on traded industries (wealth generators)
- Level competitive playing field (urban, global) with hub and node approach vs. traditional clusters
- Create "hard-to-copy" regional competitiveness
- Attract/retain skilled people
- Engage regional wealth and investment capital

UC3: Rethinking What Critical Mass Means



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The Networked Ecosystem Approach

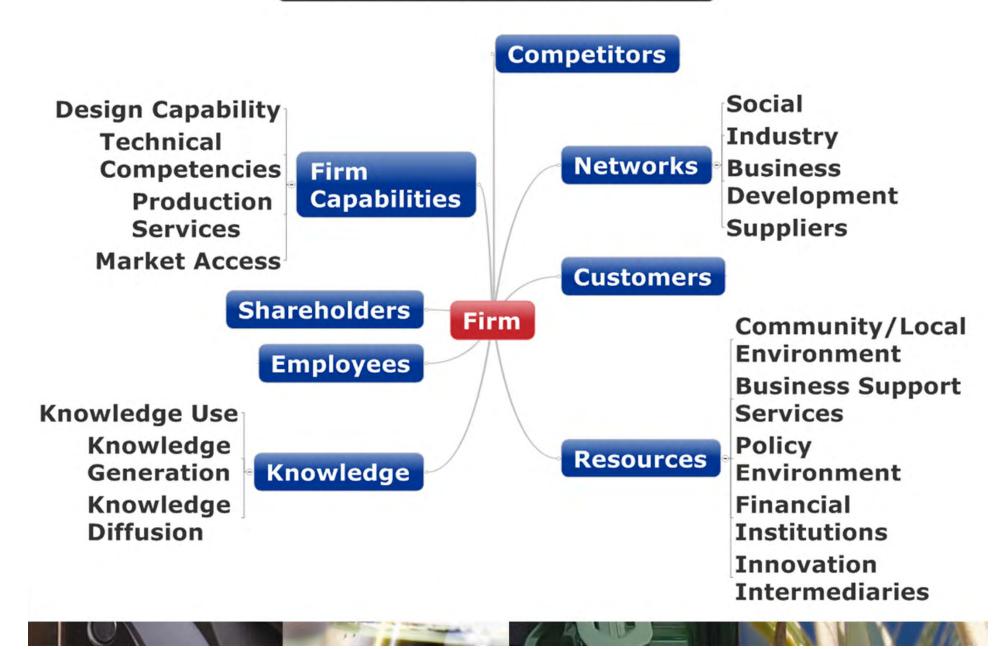
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- Relationship Focused
- Generates benefits of clusters
 w/o the critical mass of clusters
 - Volume of opportunities
 - Density of expertise
 - Diversity of interactions
 - Proximity to markets
- Challenges
 - Requires a strong and deep information network

Business Innovation Ecosystem





KOIN will create an environment that transcends geographic isolation, discovers new markets, innovates openly and fosters global competitiveness to be at the intersection of great ideas and new opportunities.

- Leverage AMI's integrated technology/business development competencies
- Profile innovation capabilities and needs of regions and local companies
- Scout new global opportunities
- Actively weave networks of technology providers, expertise and capital
- Span boundaries to build "hardto-replicate" regional advantage

It is all about identifying and processing new business opportunities.

Business Profiling/Supply Chain Network Development

Partner: KDOC

KTEC Technology Cluster Strategy **Development**

Partner: KTEC

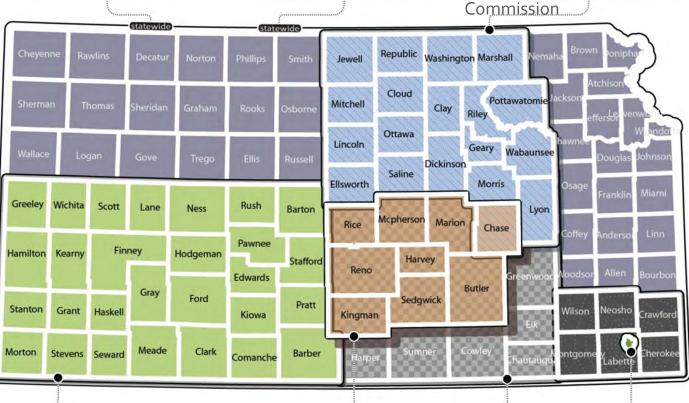
Business Profiling and Innovation Networking

Partner: North Central Regional Planning

Commission



Regional Projects Enable "Learning by Doing" Approach



Regional Asset Mapping

Partner: Great Plains Development Inc.

Regional Manufacturing Park/Incubator IBED Strategy and Business Development

Partner: Harvey County **Economic Development**

Council

Wind Supply Chain ID and **Pre-profiling Assessment**

Partner South Central Kansas Economic **Development District**

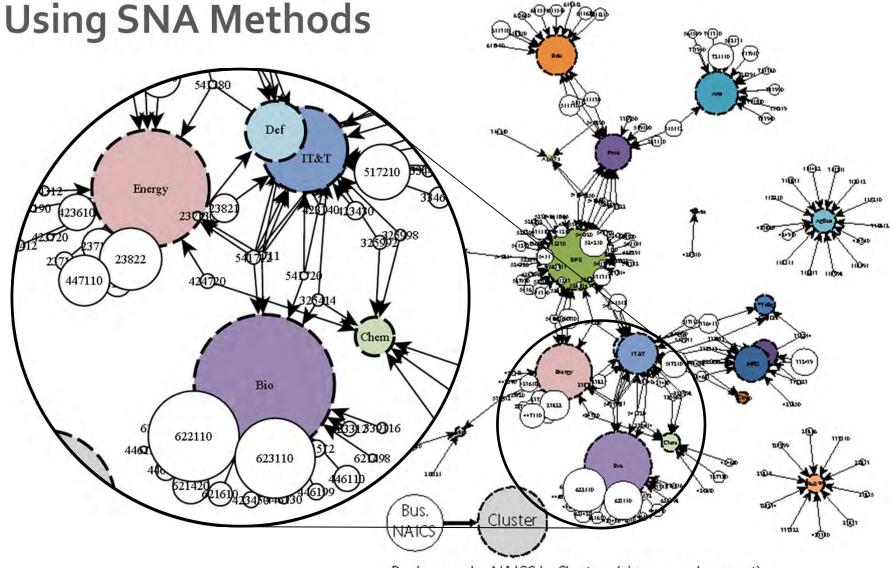
Kansas Army Ammunition **Plant Business** Redevelopment

Partner: Great Plains **Development Authority**

KOIN Services/Tools Under Development

- Planning Assistance
- Mapping & Analysis Service and Tools
- Asset Mapping Tools
- Business and Innovation Profiling
- Opportunity Scouting
- Networking
- Business Development Assistance

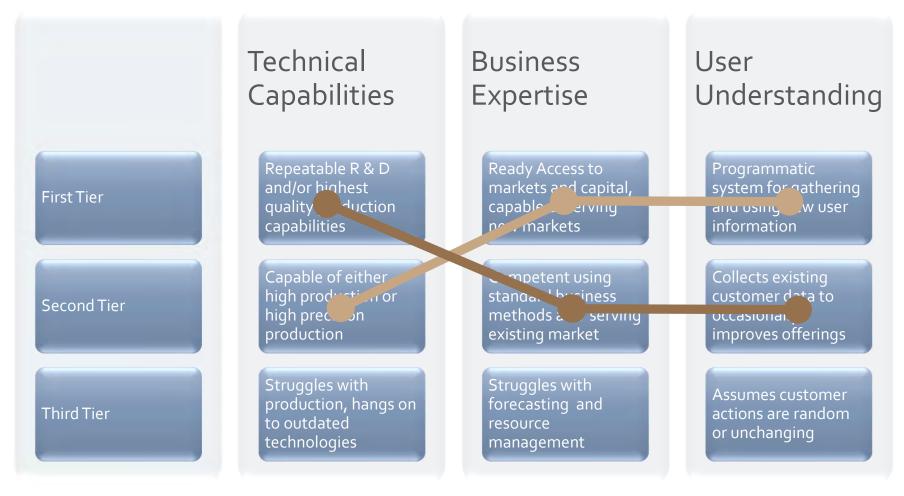
Connectedness - Mapping Industry Connections



Businesses by NAICS in Clusters (size = employment)

Connecting Through Competencies

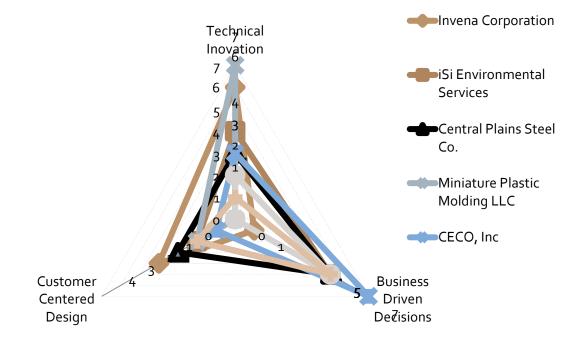
Business Profiles/Clusters not Based on Final Product/Service



Innovation Profiles

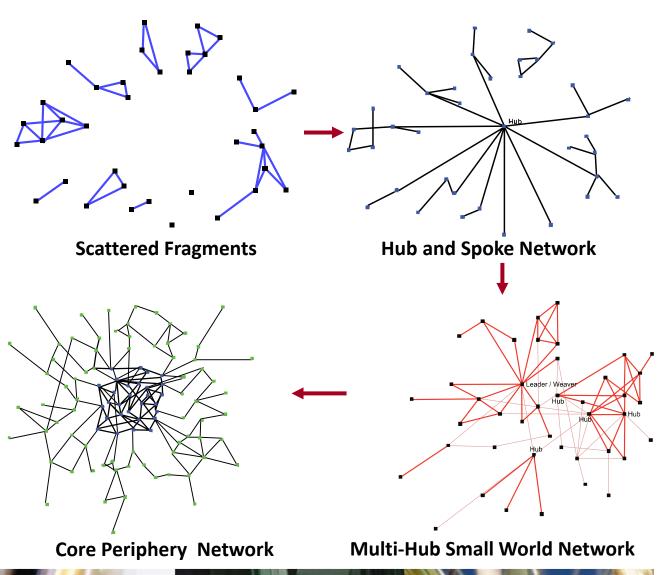
Aiming for a diverse ecosystem

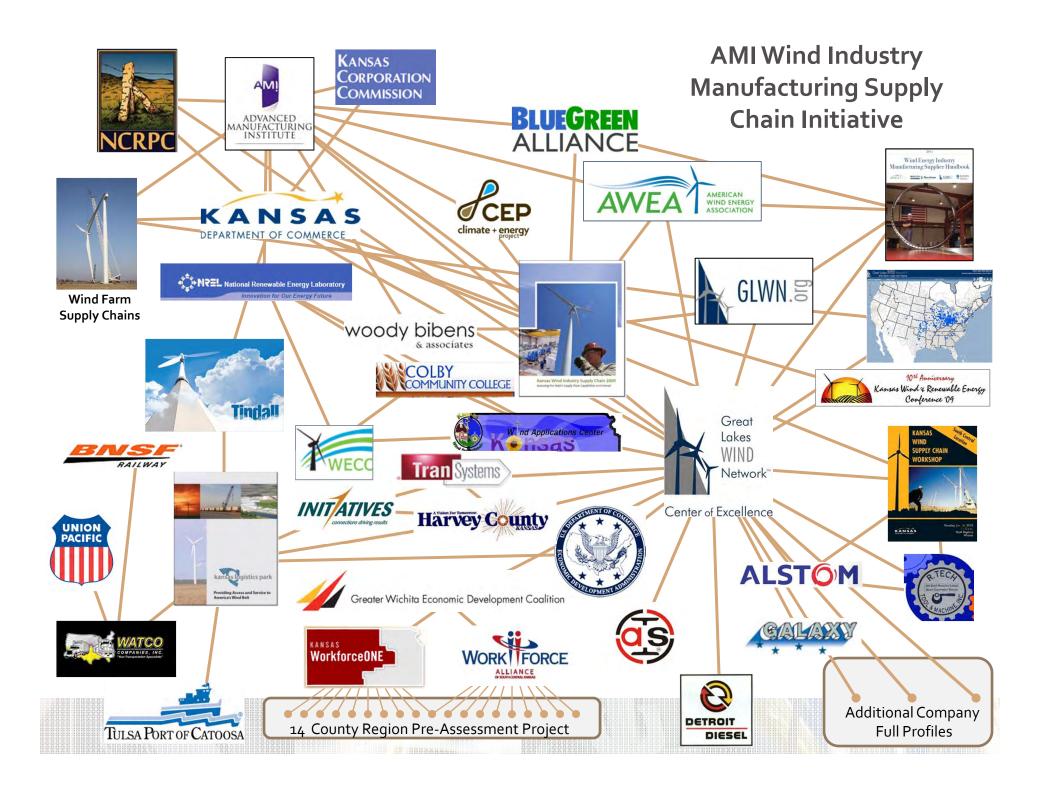
 There is no one way to contribute to innovation



Network Weaving: Knitting Connectedness

- Most networks are fragmented unless deliberately developed
- Thicker networks help us learn faster, spot opportunities faster, align resources faster, and act faster. They accelerate innovation.
- Regional assets connected in new open innovation networks will expand opportunities





Wind Farm C&L Supply Chain Development

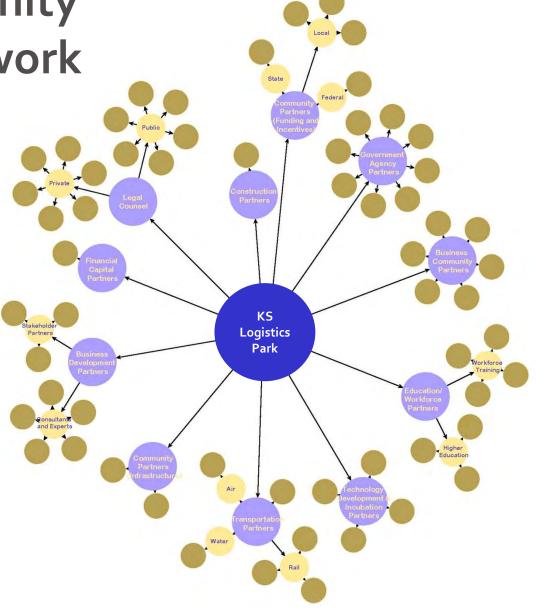
Goal: Increase local labor content of regional wind farm construction projects

- Provide wind farm developers and contractors with qualified "local" suppliers
- Proposed to adapt GLWN mfg. supply chain concepts to wind farm supply chain
 - Education
 - Capability profiling
 - Business development networking
- Partnered with KS Dept. of Commerce to provide initial education workshop – Green jobs funding
- Seeking funding to develop the balance of the wind farm supply chain services

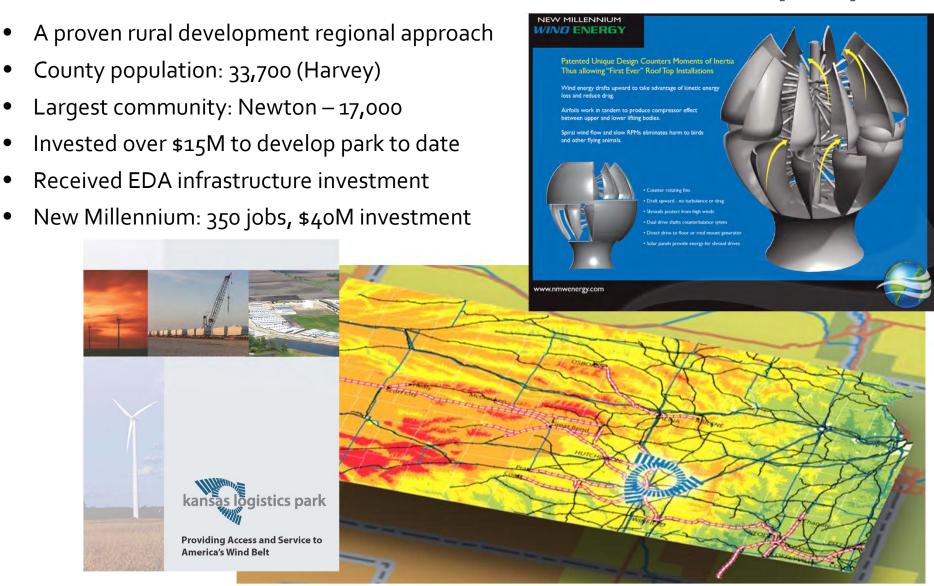


The KLP's Opportunity Development Network

- Leverages <u>regional</u> assets
 - Natural/man-made
 - Public/private
- Targeted business development
- Building global connections
- Wrapped innovation/growth services
- Team- based approach
- Strategic partnering inside and outside region
- Partners not geography limited

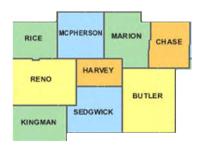


The KLP Team Secures Second Wind Company



South Central Kansas Rural Innovation Accelerator





Goal: Grow a renewing stream of next generation regional goods producers

- Evaluates feasibility of manufacturing incubator serving nine rural counties
- Identifies business and technology needs of small emerging mfgers
- Support established manufacturers' "skunk work" development projects
- Develops plans to deliver sustainable incubation services
- Assesses the region's innovation readiness (ecosystem assessment)
- Compliment's region attraction/expansion efforts with top-line growth
- Synergizes organization missions, regional assets, and investments



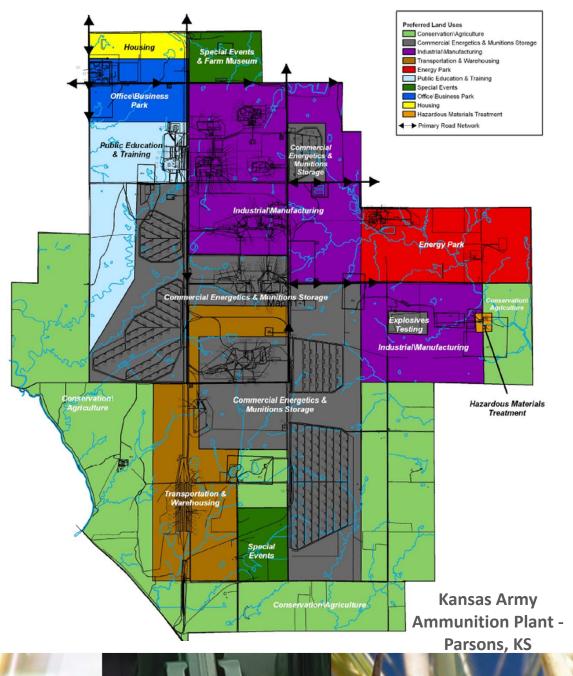




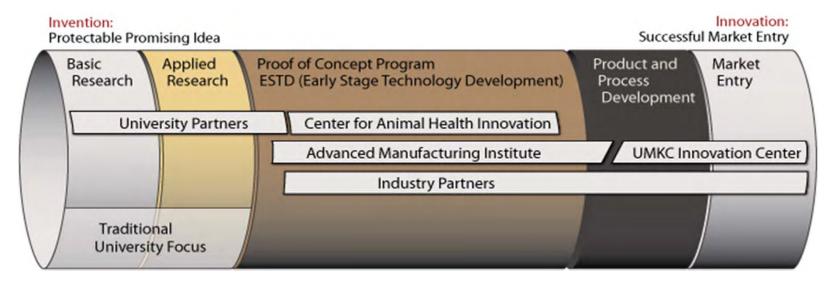


Great Plains Industrial Park Development

- Collaboratively develop a three year strategic marketing plan
- Virtually extend market research and business development functions of staff
- Build networks to accelerate the search for opportunities
- Build recruiting team to respond to prospect opportunities
- Explore feasibility of nontraditional strategies to address park's previous mission
- Facilitate creative reuse thinking through visualizations



Networking the Rural and Urban



The Global Health Innovation Alliance

A Kansas City Animal Health Corridor Initiative

A Proposal Submitted to the Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge







Global Health Innovation Alliance **Industry Pull** Investments for Innovation toward Innovation Product Development Product Innovation Expertise Industry demands **Federal Investments** innovative people, NSF • EDA patents and products DOD SBA for innovation in • HUD Center for Advanced **Animal Health** many applications Manufactring Good Safety & Biosecurity Network Infrastructure Innovation Institute New Business Support Localinvestments rechnical Expertise **Animal Health** Identify, **Bioscience Agencies** Mentor, Fund, Economic Connect, Development **Human Health UMKC** Commercialize Kansas State Agencies University -Innovation Olathe Center **Industry Investments Food Safety Bayer Healthcare** Hill's Pet Nutrition University of Missouri Comparative Medicine Workforce Development Norkforce Strengths to Accelerate Innovation Boehringer-Ingelheim **Bio-Security** CEVA Schering-Plough Intervet

Center for Animal Health Innovation

Centaur

Industry led Proof of Concept Center designed and funded to accelerate innovation.

Kansas State University -Olathe

Advanved Manufacturing Insititute

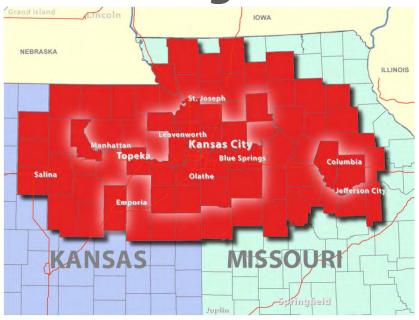
Early Stage Technology Development, Infrastructure Development, and Process Improvement

University of Missouri

Workforce Development, Comparative Medicine, Biodesign **Innovation Program**

UMKC Innovation Center

Technical expertise and infrastructure capabilities to support new business creation. Virtually Networking the Rural and Urban



- Broadens business participation in the animal health industry cluster
- Creates a bridge to link rural communities into regional growth driver
- Urban cluster serves as a global portal for region's rural businesses
- Leverages regional private/public assets and investments
- Leverages/expands opportunity innovation networking concepts

KOIN's Objective:

Overcome Critical Mass Challenges with Critical Connection Strategies



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