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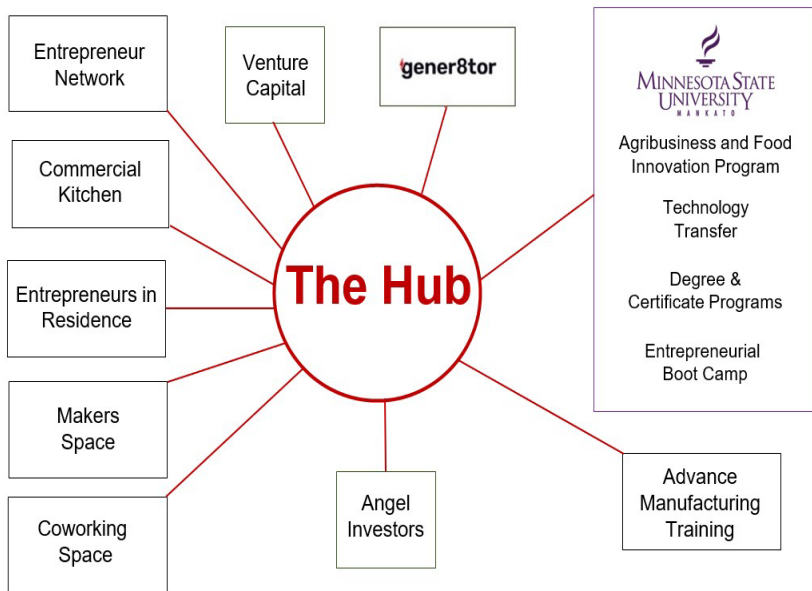
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Project Costs

Engineering and Design \$ 1 million
 Construction \$13.5 million

Project Funding

Congressional Appropriations \$ 4.5 million
 State of Minnesota \$ 4 million
 Local support \$ 6 million



The Hub will centralize resources and opportunities to provide a bridge of opportunity for residents of Shakopee, Scott County and six neighboring counties by focusing on building diverse workforce pathways, including those not seeking a traditional college education. The city already has a strong partnership with the Shakopee Public Schools, which will also be involved in the Hub.

This facility is unique for the entire state, since it combines higher education, high-bay labs, workforce development, entrepreneurial space, small business support, investors and makers space that includes a commercial kitchen.

While the project will be in Shakopee and Scott County, the intended user population extends to cities in neighboring Carver, Hennepin, Dakota, Rice, Le Sueur and Blue Earth counties.

The city is working with a group of fifteen entrepreneurial companies that are providing input into the final building design along with programming.



Staff has also been working with Minnesota State University for the past three years on potential programs. This region does not currently have access to any post-secondary education.

Programing offered at The Hub will focus on the regional need for certificates and degree programs that meet the requirements of local employers. It will also have a unique focus on hard-tech businesses, those that manufacture products that can be sold outside the region.



The facility is also unique, since it allows companies looking to make a foreign direct investment in Minnesota to open an office to test the market and explore manufacturing opportunities and partnerships. Shakopee and the region is already home to several foreign-owned manufacturers, including Entrust and KEB America.