

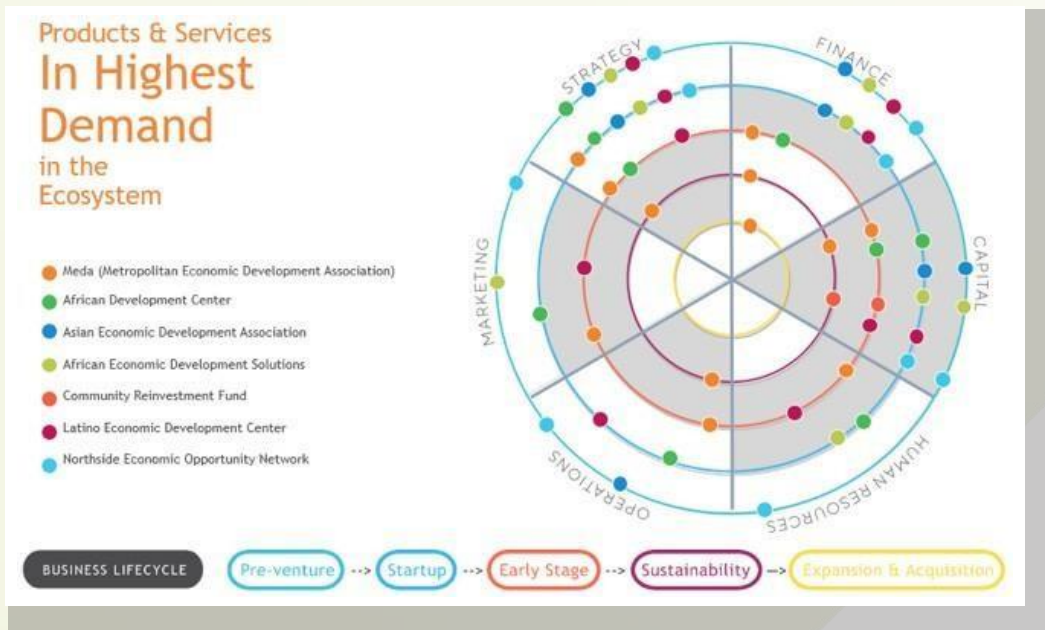


Catalyst is a consortium of six Minnesota-based organizations that support minority entrepreneurs and their businesses

- African Development Center
- African Economic Development Solutions
- Community Reinvestment Fund
- Latino Economic Development Center
- MEDA
- Northside Economic Opportunity Network

Our mission is simple: to bring minority businesses to scale by increasing and strengthening the stage-appropriate resources available to our over 3000 clients. We are pioneering an **incentive-driven, collaborative model** that will dramatically increase the quality and quantity of products and services available to support minority businesses and bring their collective economic impact to scale.

Wealth is the primary channel through which economic disparities must be addressed. Entrepreneurship provides a clear path to building wealth and economic mobility. Therefore, the vitality of minority businesses is key to building minority wealth.



However, a lack of access to capital, guidance, and markets creates barriers to growth and success for minority businesses. Catalyst addresses this triple gap through its stage appropriate consulting, capital, expertise, and resources, to provide highly demanded products and services, ultimately growing minority wealth, self sufficiency and tax paying businesses.

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InGensa offers extensive education solutions through acting as a solid collaborative partner with a thorough understanding of the client's vision and goals from start to finish. Services include, strategic planning, comprehensive facilities assessments, community engagement, design, and construction management.

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Along with providing general transportation solutions, ITC Transit offers school bussing and transportation solutions to several counties including Ramsey, Dakota, Washington, Hennepin and St. Croix to name a few.

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An association of Latino entrepreneurs and leaders in the state of Minnesota. Our members have driven passion, and know-how that creates this burgeoning Latino business community which is the nucleus of good quality life.

- We provide capital
- We foster education
- We influence policy and systems that benefit our community. Calvin Littlejohn

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Northside Economic Opportunity Network (NEON) began working to advance the efforts of underserved entrepreneurs in the community over a decade ago. Launched in 2006 with a grant from NorthWay Community Trust, NEON used its talents and offerings to build and support Northside businesses owned by lower-income Northside residents.

NEON was one of six organizations working collaboratively to provide entrepreneur training. Early goals were quickly met as the collaborative tripled the volume of training and business lending activities in the area in less than three years. The collaborative remained intact until 2009 and some of the early collaborators still play key roles with NEON as "Network Partners" today.

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Tri-Construction is a minority owned general construction company established in 2001. Located in the heart of north Minneapolis, Tri-Construction is deeply rooted in the community and is very passionate about the people who live and work there.