



Leading RI's IT & Bioscience Industry

Tech Collective is Rhode Island's Information Technology and Bioscience Industry Association. We foster the growth, innovation, and economic momentum of Rhode Island's high-tech industries and workforce. Collaborating with local and national government, industry, and academic partners, Tech Collective programs directly impact Rhode Island. Since its transition from the Rhode Island Technology Council (RITEC) in 2004, Tech Collective has received more than \$12M in federal, state, and private grant funding.



As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Tech Collective derives its funding from membership, fundraising, and grant awards. To maximize impact and opportunity, Tech Collective also works with organizations on local, regional, and national levels to connect our members, industry, and workforce development pipeline with the latest services and resources needed to drive innovation and growth. These include:

- **National and Statewide Awards and Funding:** Governor's Workforce Board RI Industry Partnerships (bioscience and IT), Real Jobs RI (IT), Ready to Work/ Tech Force RI, and national recognition with the state of Rhode Island from President Obama's TechHire initiative
- **Rhode Island State Affiliate:** Biotechnology Industry Association (BIO), New England Biotech Association (NEBA), Technology Councils of North America (TECNA), and CompTIA
- **Active Relationships:** MedMates, Junior Achievement of RI, SkillsUSA RI, RI STEM Center at RI College, National Center for Women in Information Technology (NCWIT), Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston, Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island, and many more

At the core of its mission and values, Tech Collective is empowered and impassioned to serve Rhode Island's technology and bioscience community. We take pride in servicing our member and industry needs, and above all, we serve as an industry connector. If there are any questions or opportunities you would like to learn more about, do not hesitate to contact us – even if we cannot fulfill it, we will connect you to the resource that can.

Membership & Benefits

Membership with Tech Collective is open to business, academic, government, and non-profit institutions and organizations which research, design, develop, produce, sell, distribute, utilize, support and/or provide related services in the bioscience and IT industries. Industry sectors can include:

Bioscience: medical device and equipment; drugs and pharmaceuticals; research, testing, and medical laboratories; agricultural feedstock and chemicals; storage, transportation, and distribution

Information Technology: network systems; information support and services; programming and software development; interactive media; health and medical technology

Tech Collective boasts members ranging from global multi-million dollar companies to one-entrepreneur startups. (View Member Profile pages at www.tech-collective.org.) Each find the right fit for engagement and growth with Tech Collective through customized programs and services including:

- **Industry Leadership** - bioscience and IT industry leaders and employers help guide the direction of Tech Collective programs and services to meet their specific, current, and future industry and workforce needs

- **Network Building and Collaboration** – a competitive advantage of cross industry, academic, and government community within which members build relationships, find support, and learn from best practices
- **Educational Forums, Peer Networking, and Awards** – forums and events are driven by membership/industry demand and serve as peer-to-peer networking building and a center of knowledge transfer. Our annual Rhode Island Bioscience Awards and Tech10 Awards programs recognize Rhode Island’s outstanding professionals and innovators
- **Marketing and Visibility Services** – members gain name and brand awareness, including promotion via Tech Collective social media, website, news, forums, and newsletter
- **Industry Intelligence and Advocacy** – through our Skills Gap studies and industry data as well as local, regional, and national affiliations, Tech Collective shares the voice of the Rhode Island bioscience and IT industries
- **Affinity and Discount Programs** – special offers and/or cost savings on energy, shipping, lab equipment, office supplies, legal services, insurance, media and PR, and business development
- **Workforce Pipeline Development** - Tech Collective works with many institutions and organizations from K-16 and continuing education in order to aid in meeting industry and economic workforce demands. Efforts include:
 - **Training** – we work directly with industry to design, develop, and implement worker training programs that meet the exact employer need. This includes technical, business, and soft/customer service skills training, which we partner with recognized training providers to deliver.
 - **Job Referrals** - we directly connect employers with qualified candidates to interview/hire. Tech Collective performs the recruitment of individuals, skills assessment, career coaching, skills training, and makes referrals to the open positions which employers send to us. This is at no cost to employers. On the Job Training funds are available to employers to help off-set the cost of hiring individuals.
 - **Professional Development** – intensive half-day skills training, such as critical thinking, communication, and DiSC training.
 - **Women in Technology Mentor Program** – peer-to-peer mentor program matching women entering the bioscience and IT industries with veteran professionals to focus on professional and career development.
 - **Youth Awareness Activities** – working with our members, we aim to inspire and impact the future workforce through engaging K-16 students in STEM. We collaborate with educators to promote and integrate STEM into classroom curricula, take students on industry tours; host speakers; and provide STEM engagement opportunities to students inside and outside of the classroom such as GRRL Tech and STEM in the Middle.

Get Connected

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