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IN THE NEWS

Connecting Business Incubators with Entrepreneurs

- "The Regional Alliance, between TEC Edmonton, the Northern Alberta Business Incubator (NABI) and novaNAIT, officially celebrated its 1st Milestone with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding amongst 5 local business incubators." **(Source: TEC Edmonton, March 2009)**

2009 NBIA Incubation Award Winners

- "Each year, the NBIA Incubation Awards honor the business incubators, client companies and graduates that exemplify the best in the industry." **(Source: NBIA)**

A New Take on Incubators

- "Today's incubators provide cutting edge support for your start-ups. **(Source: Entrepreneur Magazine, May 2009)**

Waterloo puts up IT whiz-kids in 'dormcubator'

- "A Canadian school known for producing future high-tech giants retools one of its residences so that students can live and work together on potential projects. Why hopefuls from Toronto and Ottawa want in." **(Source: Canada's Technology Triangle, February 2008)**

How competitive is your enterprise in today's economy?

This may be the time for you to review your current performance and evaluate how to achieve

more with less. Benchmarking is a valuable exercise in understanding how competitive you are - and it will help you to look for ways to increase your productivity.

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RECOMMENDED READING

Five Musts for Business Incubator Success

- "Even if you already operate a business incubation program, these ideas may help you improve your operations and service to entrepreneurs. If you are thinking about developing a business incubator, these should be considered vital to your effort..." **(Source: NBIA)**

Why Manage More than One Incubator? Multisite Managers Offer 8 Great Reasons

- "Multiple sites are the best solution to management challenges: they can provide more space when a first site overflows, diversify a client base and revenue streams, or expand a service area... **" (Source: NBIA)**

Getting The Most out of a Business Incubator

- "The NBIA contends that entrepreneurs who get their start at an incubator have a higher success rate, on average, than their brethren who go it alone... **" (Source: Forbes.com)**

Hatching For Success: "Business Incubators are back - and ready to transform your start-up"

- "Just a few years after hundreds of them imploded in the tech bust, business incubators -- which provide office space and professional advice to startups -- are making a comeback..." **(Source: BusinessWeek.com)**

Seven Components of a Successful Business Incubator

- Here you will nd a coherent summary of the seven components of a succcessful incubator from Colin Barrow's *Incubator's: A Realist's Guide to the World's New Business Accelerators* .

Building a Business Incubator: A Teaching Case Study

- The goal of this paper, from Northwest Missouri State University, is to explore some of the issues and barriers faced by project researchers in their attempt to determine the feasibility of a business incubation facility in a small, rural and agricultural community.

Alberta Monthly Economic Reviews

- Reviews comprise key economic indicators across 8 Alberta Regions, including labour force, population, major construction projects and building permits (pg. 16-17).

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