



# CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

**Chicago State University** will establish the Center for Solutions of Urban Populations (CSUP)

**The CSUP will:**

- Renovate Douglas Hall to house the Center for Solutions of Urban Populations, an incubator for pioneering ideas and transformative change
- Establish programmatic, research, outreach and entrepreneurial activities to address some of the most challenging issues in the Chicagoland region
- Become a hub of activity, creating new collaborative partnerships, garnering external funding, and promoting public-private partnerships to address issues significantly impacting the quality of life in the South Side of Chicago
- Promote collaborative interactions across the IIN network where Hubs with expertise in areas such as data science, agriculture, and the environment will be able to add value to the community transforming work of CSUP







## **Eastern Illinois University** will create the East-Central Illinois Hub

### **The East-Central Illinois Hub will:**

- Be a dedicated collaboration between Eastern Illinois University, Lake Land College, and community partners
- Promote the overall sustainability of critical social and natural systems
- Address issues of environment, economic development, entrepreneurship, visualization of community-based assets and infrastructure assessments, rural social systems and community sustainability
- Utilize the ENGAGE virtual network to easily connect and collaborate in a meaningful and dedicated ways with other Hubs located across the state
- Include IIN shared courses such as the recently launched first IIN shared course “Introduction to Sustainability” that serves students from across the network







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## **Governors State University** will establish a Supply Chain Innovation Center and Business Incubator

### **The Supply Chain Innovation Center and Business Incubator will:**

- Renovate Hantack House on Governors State's campus
- Serve as a one-stop shop for businesses in the supply chain and related sectors
- Provide training in areas including blockchain, cloud based inventory replenishment solutions, and cloud-based freight and logistics solutions







**ILLINOIS STATE  
UNIVERSITY**  
*Illinois' first public university.*

## **Illinois State University** will establish a Community Makerspace and Educational Center, and the Bloomington-Normal Startup Incubator

### **The project will:**

- Renovate a campus facility to create a makerspace and education center
- Establish the Bloomington-Normal Startup Incubator in a new Uptown Normal facility
- Be the first concerted, large-scale effort in McLean County to support and develop a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship that leads to economic growth.
- The Hub will support entrepreneurial education and innovation through the Community Makerspace and Educational Center and a technology- and education-based startup incubator called the ISU/ Bloomington-Normal Community Startup Incubator (CSI).
- The makerspace and educational center will provide campus and community members with access to the cities' only makerspace while providing basic entrepreneurship education programs through partnership with Heartland Community College and local high schools.
- The incubator will facilitate the creation and growth of small businesses, with an emphasis on technology and educational startups
- The incubator will guide tenants through the early business development stages with the assistance of incubator staff who provide directed business education and mentorship.







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**Northeastern Illinois University** will create the Business Growth and Innovation (BIG) Center with locations near their main campus and in Bronzeville

**The BIG Center will:**

- Renovate two campus buildings
- Facilitate access to IIN resources for underrepresented, underserved community residents
- Expand NEIU's capacity to increase and enhance public/private partnerships that expand and enhance economic opportunity and development, with an emphasis on underrepresented, underserved communities
- Provide facilities for discovery and commercialization of research, entrepreneurship and workforce development programs
- Provide professional development opportunities and internships for NEIU's students to prepare them to make strong contributions to Illinois' state and regional economies





## Project Location

Center for the Study of Family  
Violences and Sexual Assault

NIU  
Convocation



**Northern Illinois  
University**

**Northern Illinois University** will create the Northern Illinois Center for Community Sustainability (NICCS)

### **NICCS will:**

- Build a facility on the west side of NIU's campus to house NICCS
- In partnership with the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES), governmental agencies, and the private sector, NICCS will create new knowledge, inform policymaking, and inspire action in three interrelated areas
  - Food systems innovation
  - Water resources stewardship and development
  - Climate change adaptation
- Facilitate development of local environmental policy and support an environmental law clinic
- Provide a new platform for NIU and its public and private partners to pursue a unified mission of discovery and innovation, teaching and learning, and meaningful engagement of community sustainability







## PEORIA INNOVATION HUB

### The University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria and OSF HealthCare will create the Peoria Innovation Hub

#### The Peoria Innovation Hub will:

- Renovate a building in downtown Peoria to become the city's hub for innovation and entrepreneurship
- Include 20 acres of farmland owned by Illinois Central College as an innovation farm
- Improve the wellness of underserved populations
- Advancing systems related to food, farming, and transportation - specifically autonomous mobility







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## **Southern Illinois University** will establish the Illinois Food, Entrepreneurship, Research, and Manufacturing (iFERM) Hub

### **The iFERM Hub will:**

- provide an interdisciplinary research, Build out the 58,000 square foot McLafferty Annex and include the Fae Minor McGill/Teaching and Sensory Laboratory; Pilot Malting Facility; Distillery; Production Brewery; and Fermented Dairy Facility
- Solve food/nutrition, agriculture, and health challenges through transdisciplinary research, innovation, and education
- Provide infrastructure for the development of Illinois agriculture value-added products to promote and support successful entrepreneurial activities
- Improve public health by supporting and creating new and emerging value-added healthful food and medicinal products
- Provide job training for new and emerging workforce opportunities in the fermentation sciences and related industries
- Facilitate new economic and entrepreneurial opportunities, research and development in value-added products, including food, beverage, medicine and biotechnology
- Grow the university's unique fermentation sciences program and develop public-private partnerships around it







SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
**EDWARDSVILLE**

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## **Southern Illinois University Edwardsville** will create the Center for Sustainable Communities and Entrepreneurship (CSCE)

### **CSCE will:**

- provide an interdisciplinary research, workforce, and learning space for university-community-industry collaboration and connection to the greater Illinois Innovation Network (IIN).
- Bring together SIUE research assets including the Laboratory for Applied Spatial Analysis and the Center for Predictive Analytics to help assess and address workforce and economic development needs in Metro-East Illinois and the greater St. Louis region, especially in the emerging geospatial science and advanced analytics industry, and its affiliates
- Leverage SIUE's existing and future research centers to address the needs of regional partners in the area of sustainability, including food, energy and water as part of the strong plant/life sciences sector in the region
- House the Metropolitan Accelerator Research Square (MARS), a business and engineering accelerator, to facilitate technology transfer and capture a greater share of the burgeoning St. Louis startup economy for Illinois
- Develop new partnerships with regional leaders; programs for education, research, and the workforce; and the expansion of research capacity to address critical issues and develop workforce infrastructure







**University of Illinois at Chicago** will focus its IIN engagement around computing, drug discovery, and entrepreneurship.

**The projects will include**

- Construction of a new Drug Discovery and Cancer Innovation Pavilion (42-month project timeline)
  - The Pavilion will enable UIC's growth as a leader in the discovery, development, and commercialization of drugs and pharmaceutical technologies
- Expansion of the UIC Innovation Center (36-month project timeline)
  - The additional space will allow for growth in UIC's collaborative education and design/development center, while increasing the school's capacity for corporate partnerships and entrepreneurship programs
- Construction of a new Advanced Chemical Technology Building (timeline TBD)
  - ACTB will foster innovative research and development in chemistry, biochemistry, biology and physics, enhancing UIC's drug discovery and materials science research capabilities while growing academic programs in these areas
- Construction of a new Computing Design, Research & Learning Center (45-month project timeline)
  - CDRLC will enable expansion of UIC's growing computer science programs, and provide space for experiential learning and collaborative opportunities







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ILLINOIS  
COLLEGE  
OF MEDICINE**  
ROCKFORD CHICAGO PEORIA URBANA



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## UIC Health Sciences Campus at Rockford will create the Illinois Rural Hub

### The Illinois Rural Hub will:

- Either construct a new building on the Rockford campus or renovate an existing facility
- Address severe workforce shortages in healthcare – especially in rural communities – by expanding health professions education programs to include public health, dentistry, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician’s assistants, and social work
- Feature an expanded simulation center, an orthopedic gait lab, and an incubator that brings together researchers with an interest in rural health
- Expand multi-disciplinary research and primary and tertiary care services
- Grow community engagement to spur economic development in rural communities







# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD

## University of Illinois at Springfield will create the new UIS Innovation Center

### UIS will:

- The project will construct a new building to house the UIS Innovation Center within a downtown Innovation District.
- The UIS Innovation Center will advance the regional economy by working with industry, government and other partners to build a robust and inclusive human capital and innovation pipeline
- The Center will inspire an innovative culture, strengthen community connections and build a more robust regional economy through activities and programs that will attract entrepreneurs to develop and launch businesses and support the development of evidence-based, impact-driven programs aimed at advancing the social and economic welfare of the region
- The Center will focus on five strategic areas: business incubation, acceleration and workforce; technology and research commercialization; social innovation; public policy research; and undergraduate, graduate, and professional education.







# **I** ILLINOIS

The **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** will support IIN activities in computing and data, health and wellness, and entrepreneurship

## **The project will include:**

- Renovation of Altgeld Hall and replacement of Illini Hall (83-month project timeline)
  - Create a major research and education center for Big Data science and analytics at UIUC, while connecting UIUC's data scientists with business, industry, and the community
  - Provide every UIUC student with the opportunity for a meaningful exposure to data science
- Illinois Biomedical Translational Facility (63-month project timeline)
  - Support translational R&D, bringing research into clinical practice quickly, and engage industry collaborators
  - Provide coordination for UIUC health efforts and facilitate cooperation with Carle Illinois College of Medicine
- Expansion of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications & Siebel Center for Computer Science
  - Expand teaching and research capacity in high-performance computing, autonomy and AI, and their application to the digital transformation of all industry sectors
  - Support expansion of the NCSA industry program that will include collaboration opportunities with DPI
- Expansion of University of Illinois Research Park
  - Construct new facilities for growth-stage startup companies and commercialization of UI technology
  - Include state-of-the-art IT infrastructure for UIRP and EnterpriseWorks







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## **Western Illinois University** will create the new Center for Manufacturing and Entrepreneurial Excellence (CMEE)

### **CMEE will:**

- Construct a new building in Moline that will house the Quad Cities Innovation Center (QCIC) and while enhancing Macomb's Community Innovation Center (CIC)
- The QCIC will seek to drive innovation, workforce development and economic growth in the Quad Cities' three leading sectors of manufacturing, defense, and agriculture
- The QCIC will utilize technology roadmaps and playbooks to advance regional manufacturing needs in robotics, augmented and virtual reality, big data, and additive manufacturing
- The CIC uses data analytics, visualization, and artificial intelligence at the community level across Illinois to improve economies, communities, and overall quality of life in rural Illinois

