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## **Innovations, entrepreneurs invited to apply for manufacturing assistance**

Hartford, East Hartford entrepreneurs have resources available through  
Technology Labs Assistance Program (TLAP)

EAST HARTFORD, Conn – Jan. 22, 2019 – 3D printing, engineering design and prototype development are just some of the many services available to Hartford and East Hartford-based innovators through a manufacturing assistance program.

“There’s a wide array of area companies who perform advanced tech work, but they might not have the machines or resources to, say, build a prototype, optimize a process or fabricate a complex part,” said Paul Striebel of the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT). Goodwin College, the University of Hartford and CCAT are part of an effort providing easy access to advanced resources and services available at their facilities.

The Technology Labs Assistance Program ([TLAP](#)) has been created as part of the Hartford/East Hartford Innovation Places Initiative, which is striving to make the area a more vibrant hub for innovation and entrepreneurship. Because of this affiliation, eligible TLAP applicants will receive substantial funding assistance on projects performed by the University of Hartford, Goodwin College and CCAT. Funding for the project subsidies is supported by [CTNext](#).

Hartford and East Hartford-based companies with less than 300 full-time employees in their Connecticut facilities are invited to apply. Those chosen will receive a project subsidy of 50 percent off the total project cost, with subsidies reaching up to \$10,000 annually.

“We are in a new era of interagency collaborations among state and private educational institutions and corporate partners,” said Cliff Thermer, Goodwin College’s Assistant Vice President for Strategy and Business Development and Department Chair for Business, Management, and Advanced Manufacturing. “The future of Connecticut innovation is bright.”

**More about TLAP**

[Get more information and apply here for the Technology Labs Assistance Program](#). TLAP is designed to provide Connecticut entrepreneurs and businesses with easy access to the vast manufacturing resources and services available at various schools, universities and Advanced Manufacturing Centers in the Greater Hartford Area. Participating organizations currently include the University of Hartford, Goodwin College, and the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology.

#### **About CCAT**

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