



## **MICHIGAN SMARTZONES**

SmartZones<sup>SM</sup> provide distinct geographical locations where technology-based firms, entrepreneurs and researchers locate in close proximity to all of the community assets that assist in their endeavors. SmartZone technology clusters promote resource collaborations between universities, industry, research organizations, government and other community institutions, growing technology-based businesses and jobs. New and emerging businesses in SmartZone technology clusters are primarily focused on commercializing ideas, patents and other opportunities surrounding corporate, university or private research institute R&D efforts.

### **TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS ACCELERATION AND INCUBATION**

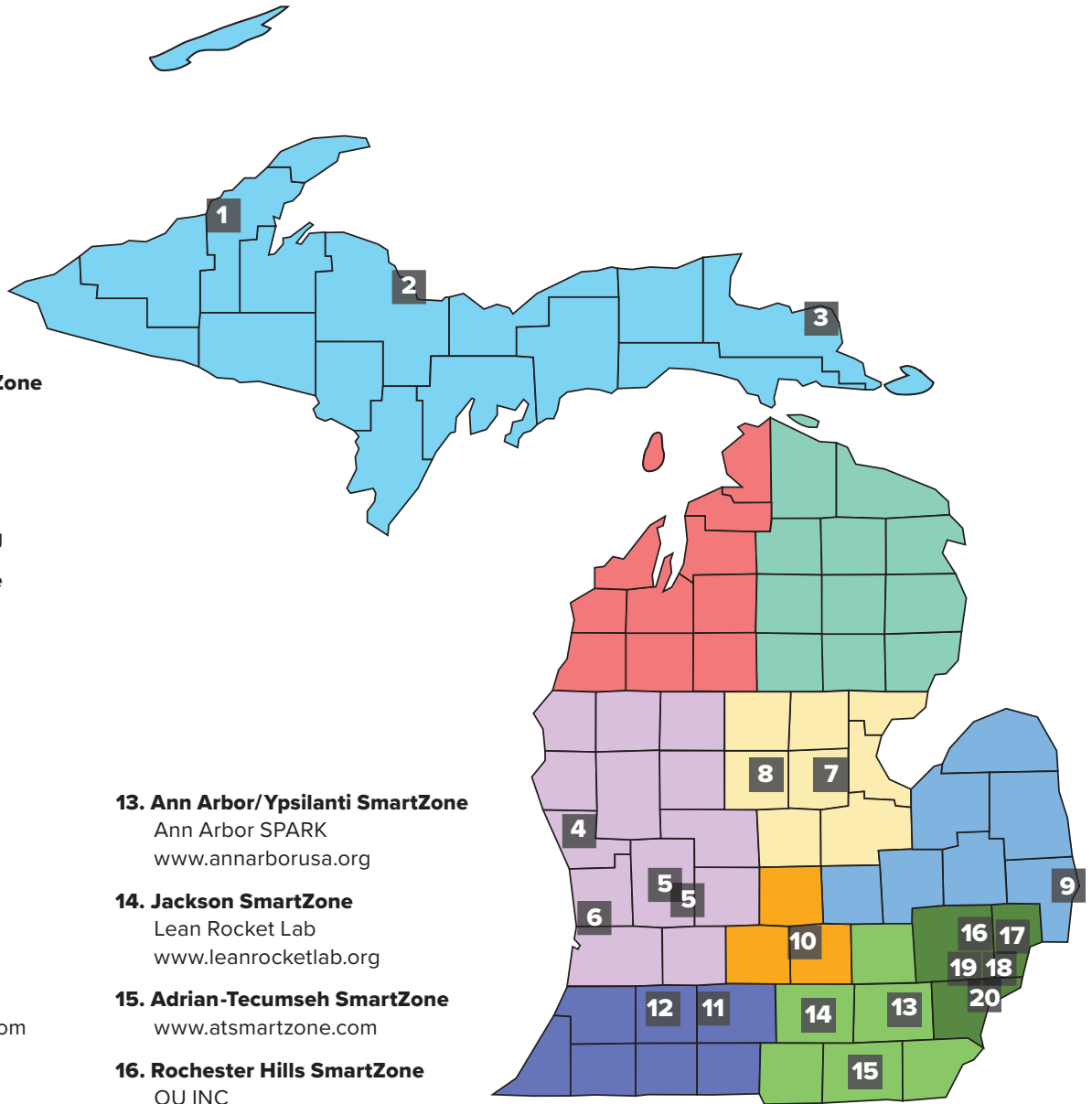
Michigan's SmartZones include technology business accelerators that provide the services identified below and, partnering with tech transfer offices, facilitate the commercialization of technology emerging from research in Michigan universities and private companies. Accelerators help to mine technology from universities and private enterprise, assist companies and entrepreneurs in building business structures around the technology, conduct product development and help companies secure necessary start up financing. The SmartZones are also home to incubation facilities providing office and wet lab space to technology companies.

Business accelerator services include, but are not limited to:

- Business development mentoring
- Networking events
- Business feasibility studies
- Business planning
- Coaching
- Entrepreneurial training
- Grant writing
- Incubator and wet lab space
- Management recruitment
- Market analysis
- Product development
- Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) assistance
- Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) assistance
- Technology assessments
- Technology mining
- Venture capital preparation and introductions

For further information, contact the MEDC customer contact center at 888.522.0103.

# SMARTZONE SERVICE AREAS



## SmartZones

- 1. Houghton/Hancock SmartZone**  
MTEC  
[www.mtecsz.com](http://www.mtecsz.com)
- 2. Marquette SmartZone**  
Innovate Marquette  
[www.innovatemarquette.org](http://www.innovatemarquette.org)
- 3. Sault Ste. Marie SmartZone**  
Headwaters North  
[www.headwatersnorth.org](http://www.headwatersnorth.org)
- 4. Muskegon SmartZone**  
Muskegon Innovation Hub  
[www.gvsu.edu/mihub](http://www.gvsu.edu/mihub)
- 5. Grand Rapids SmartZone**  
Spartan Innovations  
[www.msufoundation.org/venture-creation](http://www.msufoundation.org/venture-creation)  
Start Garden  
[www.startgarden.com](http://www.startgarden.com)
- 6. Holland SmartZone**  
Lakeshore Advantage  
[www.lakeshoreadvantage.com](http://www.lakeshoreadvantage.com)
- 7. Midland SmartZone**  
Midland Business Alliance  
[www.mbami.org](http://www.mbami.org)
- 8. Mount Pleasant SmartZone**  
CMURC  
[www.cmurc.com](http://www.cmurc.com)
- 9. Port Huron SmartZone**  
St. Clair County EDA  
[www.edascc.com](http://www.edascc.com)
- 10. Lansing/East Lansing SmartZone**  
Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP)  
[www.lansingregionalsmartzone.com](http://www.lansingregionalsmartzone.com)
- 11. Battle Creek SmartZone**  
Battle Creek Unlimited  
[www.bcunlimited.org](http://www.bcunlimited.org)
- 12. Kalamazoo SmartZone**  
WMed Innovation Center  
[www.med.wmich.edu](http://www.med.wmich.edu)
- 13. Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone**  
Ann Arbor SPARK  
[www.annarborusa.org](http://www.annarborusa.org)
- 14. Jackson SmartZone**  
Lean Rocket Lab  
[www.leanrocketlab.org](http://www.leanrocketlab.org)
- 15. Adrian-Tecumseh SmartZone**  
[www.at-smartzone.com](http://www.at-smartzone.com)
- 16. Rochester Hills SmartZone**  
OU INC  
[www.oakland.edu/ouinc](http://www.oakland.edu/ouinc)
- 17. Sterling Heights SmartZone**  
Sterling Heights Velocity Center  
[www.mivelocity.com](http://www.mivelocity.com)
- 18. Troy SmartZone**  
Automation Alley  
[www.automationalley.com](http://www.automationalley.com)
- 19. Southfield SmartZone**  
Centrepolis Accelerator  
[www.centrepolisaccelerator.com](http://www.centrepolisaccelerator.com)
- 20. Detroit SmartZone**  
Techtown  
[www.techtowndetroit.org](http://www.techtowndetroit.org)

## REGIONS

- Upper Peninsula region
- East Michigan region
- Northwest region
- South Central region
- Northeast region
- Southwest Michigan region
- West Michigan region
- Southeast Michigan region
- East Central region
- Detroit Metro region