



## Points of Interest

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On December 10, 2008, the Technology Incubator hosted its first CEO Forum. Doug Burgum was the featured CEO for the event where he shared his insights regarding starting Great Plains Software, Inc., enduring difficult times as a new start-up, transitioning from a start-up to a well-established company, and growing a corporate culture.

Joining Doug for the event was James Burgum.

Doug is an Arthur, North Dakota native, former Senior Vice President of Microsoft Corporation



and former Chairman and CEO of Great Plains Software, Inc.

James Burgum is currently the co-founder of the Arthur Ventures Growth Fund LLC and serves as its Managing Director.

The Technology Incubator will host a total of four CEO Forum events throughout the next several months.

The next CEO Forum event will be held on February 10, 2008. Craig Dresser, InterceptEFT Corporation, will be the featured CEO for the event.



## Coming Soon...

The NDSU Research & Technology Park is putting the finishing touches on a Virtual Incubator that was recently created to help companies shorten time to market for new technologies by providing entrepreneurs with valuable resources and services in a virtual community.

Entrepreneurs will be able to register with the site and complete an assessment that will provide important information for developing a coaching plan. A team of coaches from a variety of professional disciplines will mentor entrepreneurs in pre-defined areas based on the assessment that was originally completed.

In addition, entrepreneurs will also be provided with access to a host of other resources such as funding, marketing, research, international business, etc. Entrepreneurs will also be able to participate in discussion boards and share ideas with others that will assist with fostering the entrepreneurial spirit and growing their network even though they are not physically located in the same location.

Stay tuned for additional details regarding the upcoming launch of the Virtual Incubator!

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## Incubator Tenants

- Appareo Systems, LLC
- Avenue Right
- Bobcat Company
- Feed Management Systems
- Intelligent InSites
- NDSU RFID Wire and Sensor Lab
- Pedigree Technologies
- NDSU Research & Technology Park Offices

## Entrepreneurs Wanted...

The Technology Incubator, located in the NDSU Research & Technology Park, is currently accepting applications from entrepreneurs focused in the following industries: *Biosciences, Material Sciences, Information Technology and Advanced Manufacturing*. The incubator offers manufacturing space, customizable tenant space and shared production areas.



*Our vision is to be a catalyst for innovation in science and technology that will contribute to North Dakota's economic development. We are doing it right here, today, in a positive and forward-looking atmosphere with innovators and companies that embrace our global sensibility." Tony Grindberg, Executive Director*

If you know of an aspiring technology entrepreneur, please have them contact Brenda Wyland, Incubator Manager, to receive more information regarding the programs and services available. Brenda can be reached at 701-499-3603 or via email at [brenda@ndsuresearchpark.com](mailto:brenda@ndsuresearchpark.com).

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