Safe and secure: that’s how Missouri keeps the data of companies around the world. Not to mention it’s affordable. Missouri’s new data center legislation provides state and local sales and use tax exemptions to new and expanding data centers. Missouri companies also pay less for electricity, less for taxes and less for labor than they would in most other states. Furthermore, they benefit from the presence of a strong cluster of IT firms, suppliers and educators throughout the state. From solar-powered data centers to unique underground facilities, Missouri is finding new ways to store the world’s data.

Above: SubTropolis Technology Center in Kansas City, Missouri—a data center in one of Missouri’s underground facilities. Go to page 3 to find out more.
Five reasons to locate your data center in Missouri:

1. **Safe and secure:** Missouri’s physical environment provides low risk with high value. Missouri’s four-season climate gives data centers free cooling opportunities, and numerous underground facilities offer natural climate control and enhanced security. Go to page 3.

2. **Reliable and affordable:** Missouri has incentives and low-cost, dependable energy. Missouri has implemented new data center incentives, and Missouri’s utilities are among the most reliable in the nation with industrial electricity costs 13 percent lower than the national average. Go to page 5.

3. **Solid network:** Missouri’s Internet network infrastructure is dependable, redundant and diverse. Multiple Tier 1 providers have a strong presence throughout Missouri with more than 2,000 miles combined. Providers include AT&T, CenturyLink, Cogent, Level 3, Sprint, Verizon and XO. Go to page 6.

4. **Demonstrated success:** Missouri has a proven track record as a prime location for data centers and IT companies. Many IT-based companies and companies with major local data centers already have major operations or headquarters in Missouri, including AT&T, Centene, MasterCard, Emerson, Enterprise, Monsanto and World Wide Technology. Go to page 12.

5. **Quality workforce:** Missouri’s talented workers are ready for IT and Data Centers. Missouri’s tech industry employed more than 100,000 people in 2015, and 50 post-secondary institutions offer Bachelor’s degrees or higher in computer science or the equivalent. Go to page 19.
Missouri’s physical environment means lower risk and higher value for data centers.

Missouri’s underground facilities

- **SubTropolis**: 6 million sq ft
  - Parkville Underground: 385,000 sq ft
- Smart Warehousing: 2 million sq ft
- Space Center Kansas City: 6.5 million sq ft
- Carefree Industrial Park: 4.2 million sq ft
- Americold Underground: 2.8 million sq ft
- Ozark Terminal: 2.1 million sq ft
- Subtera Underground Warehouse: 1.2 million sq ft
- Bussen Underground Warehouse: 850,000 sq ft
- **Springfield Underground**: 2.2 million sq ft
- **Bluebird Underground**: 56,500 sq ft
- **Mountain Complex**: 3 million sq ft

*data center-ready sites

Missouri’s underground facilities, located in former limestone mines, total more than 30 million square-feet and offer natural climate control (60–70 degrees year-round) and enhanced security. Limestone, which is three times stronger than concrete, also reduces tenants vulnerability to natural disasters.

Missouri is a low-risk state for acts of terrorism, hurricanes and earthquakes, having experienced no major disasters of these kind since record keeping began in 1957 *(FEMA)*.

Missouri’s weather, with a four-season climate and an average annual temperature of 57 degrees Fahrenheit, enables free cooling for data centers for up to half of the year *(NOAA, Comparative Climactic Data through 2010)*.

About 58 percent of Missouri’s days are sunny. That’s more than 200 days a year, which is ideal for solar-powered data centers.

In addition to vast groundwater resources, Missouri has more than 1,000 miles of inland waterways, ranking 10th in the U.S.

Missouri averages 44 inches of rainfall a year and has not experienced a single drought-related Presidential Disaster Declaration since record keeping began in 1957 *(FEMA)*.

Missouri offers pre-certified sites across the state that make the site selection process easier, reducing the time and risk associated with development. For example, the Ewing Industrial site in Columbia offers redundancy of electric and broadband, along with looped water supply, making it especially attractive for data center projects.
“Missouri offers an ideal location for an underground data center. The Bluebird Underground facility is housed in a cave carved out of natural limestone, which provides a safe and secure environment. Being in Missouri allows close accessibility to data center customers while enjoying low business and power costs. Combined, these attributes allow Bluebird Underground the opportunity to grow our business while providing a cost-effective data center experience for our customers.”

*Michael Morey, President and CEO, Bluebird Network*
Missouri’s incentives and low-cost, reliable energy helps data center companies prosper.

Missouri’s new data center incentives include state and local sales and use tax exemptions for qualified equipment, machinery, and utilities. Incentives also include exemptions from state and local sales and use taxes on purchases of tangible personal property and materials for data center construction.

New data centers are required to invest at least $25 million and create 10+ new jobs paying at least 150 percent of the county average wage.

Missouri utility company KCP&L offers additional incentives to make their service area attractive to new and expanding businesses, including their Economic Development Rider (EDR) discount, which provides a discounted rate over five years, from 30 percent in the first year to 10 percent during the last.

Missouri’s industrial electricity costs averaged 6.19 cents/kWh in 2014—13 percent lower than the U.S. average.

Missouri has steadily been adding renewable energy to its electricity generation portfolio since adopting its Renewable Portfolio Standard by an overwhelming voter margin in 2008. By 2021, investor-owned utilities in Missouri will get 15 percent of their power from renewable resources, with two percent coming from solar.

Missouri’s utilities are among the most reliable in the nation.

KCP&L in the Kansas City region has invested heavily in system efficiency and reliability. In 2014, for the eighth year in a row, the PA Consulting Group recognized KCP&L as the recipient of the ReliabilityOne Award in the Plains Region.

Ameren Missouri is committed to making investments in electric reliability to provide its customers with safe, dependable and cleaner energy. System upgrades will reduce outages and prepare the power grid to meet future energy needs. Ameren Missouri’s focus on reliability has placed the company in the top 25 percent among utilities in the U.S. based on benchmarks established by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers index.

Missouri electricity costs by state (cents/kWh)

Source: EIA, 2014

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Numerous Tier 1 providers have a strong presence throughout Missouri with more than 2,000 miles of fiber combined. Providers include AT&T, CenturyLink, Cogent, Level 3, Sprint, Verizon and XO.

In 2014, Kansas City became the first market to test the new Google Fiber small business service. Google Fiber is a broadband Internet network infrastructure using fiber-optic communication that provides symmetrical connectivity at around 1 gigabit per second, which is about 100 times faster access than what most Americans have.

AT&T recently announced plans to bring its Internet GigaPower service to St. Louis. The service is currently available in Kansas City.

Missouri has more high speed connections than most Midwestern states. High speed connections include fiber, ADSL, SDSL, cable modem, satellite, and fixed and mobile wireless.

Missouri benefits from the presence of the National LambdaRail (NLR) and Internet2, high-speed national networks connecting research institutions to one another to enable a faster exchange of data. The National LambdaRail is a 12,000 mile, high-speed national network infrastructure that runs over fiber-optic lines. Internet2 is an advanced network consortia connecting more than 60,000 educational, research, government and community institutions over their advanced fiber-optic network.

As part of its Charter Spectrum upgrade in the St. Louis area, Charter Communications has raised its entry-level broadband from 30 megabits per second (Mbps) to 100 Mbps.

In 2014, Windstream began work on its 100 gigabit per second long-haul network that will ultimately strengthen and/or establish networks from St. Louis to Chicago, Indianapolis, Lexington, Knoxville, Atlanta, Memphis and Dallas.

“When we launched Netelligent in 2003, we recognized Missouri as a place where we could really grow and succeed. And today, Missouri continues to build upon that business-friendly reputation, offering the type of environment that allows high-tech companies like ours to thrive.”

Aaron Stone, president and CEO of Netelligent

High speed connections by state
(more than 200 kbps in at least one direction as of December 31, 2013) FCC, 2014

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Network maps

Click on a map to open a larger version

AT&T

Bluebird Network
Comcast was founded in 1963 as a single-system cable operator and now is the nation’s largest with over $62 billion in revenue in 2012. We are one of the nation’s leading providers of information, communications and entertainment products and services with over 19 million Internet customers, 9.8 million digital voice customers, 22 million video customers and hundreds of thousands of business customers.

With over 135,000 employees, we currently serve 20 of the top Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the U.S. and provide service to customers in 39 states and the District of Columbia.

Our high-speed, high-capacity broadband and Ethernet services operate across our private, diverse enhanced fiber network. With over 141,000 national route miles of fiber, our network is the largest facilities-based last mile alternative to the phone company.

With the first and largest fully 40G backbone, and the deployment of the first 100G router interface, Comcast’s advanced network delivers reliable and scalable services for businesses of any size.
Missouri has a proven track record as a prime location for data centers and IT companies.

Major companies with data centers in Missouri include: American Century; AT&T; BJC HealthCare; Bank of America; Carfax; Centene; CitiMortgage; Commerce Bancshares; DST Systems; Edward Jones; Emerson; Enterprise; Express Scripts; Liberty Mutual; MasterCard; Mercy Health; Monsanto; Scottrade; Thomson Reuters; and Walmart.

Major IT and telecommunications companies headquartered in Missouri include: Cass Information Systems; Cerner Corporation; DST Systems; Emerson; Graybar; Jack Henry & Associates; and World Wide Technology.

Recent data center projects include: Ascent Corp.; Contegix; Digital Realty in St. Louis; and LightEdge Solution in Kansas City.

“St. Louis is an important part of Square’s history. It’s an incredible city and my hometown, and we’re excited to further invest in the community. Go Cards!”

Jack Dorsey, CEO, Square

Notable IT, data center and communications companies in Missouri

Ascent (HQ St. Louis), a developer and operator of data centers, announced plans to build a new $85 million data center in St. Louis in 2014.

Bick Group (HQ St. Louis) provides design, access floor, fire protection and building controls solutions for data centers.

NEW Bluebird Network (HQ Columbia) purchased SpringNet Underground from City Utilities in Springfield in 2014 and announced plans to expand the data center in 2015. The expansion will more than double the center’s data storage space, adding 16,000 square feet.

NEW BIME Analytics (Kansas City), a France-based business intelligence technology company, opened its new North American headquarters in Kansas City in 2014. The company invested $390,200 to locate in Kansas City’s Crossroads District and announced plans to hire 44 new employees within the next five years.

Cass Information Systems (HQ St. Louis) provides payment and information services for financial, accounts payable, transportation, logistics, utility and telecommunications applications.

CenturyLink (St. Louis) provides cloud, managed hosting, managed security, colocation and professional and network services to businesses and government agencies worldwide. Colocation services include data center space and power for server and networking equipment, as well as managed hosting services for IT infrastructure and network needs.
Cerner Corporation (HQ North Kansas City) is a Fortune 500 company that has focused on developing health care information technology solutions for more than 25 years. In 2013, Cerner announced plans to add between 12,000 and 15,000 jobs and expand its Kansas City campus.

Charter Communications (St. Louis) is the fourth largest cable provider in the U.S., providing advanced video, high-speed Internet and telephone service for 5.5 million customers in 27 states. The company has significant operations and a data center in St. Louis.

Commenco (HQ Kansas City) is the authorized Motorola service facility in the Kansas City metropolitan area specializing in the sales, installation and maintenance of wireless communications and 9-1-1 equipment. A certified service center, Commenco employs 17 certified, factory-trained technicians specializing in portable radios, mobile radios, pagers, closed-circuit camera equipment, computer networks and broadband wireless applications.

NEW Contegix (HQ St. Louis) is a cloud-computing and colocation company that recently relocated its headquarters and opened a data center in St. Louis' Digital Realty facility. The company neared capacity within three months of the move, prompting a second expansion.

Cosentry (Kansas City and St. Louis) is one of the largest data center companies in Kansas City and recently acquired St. Louis-based XIOLINK, a web hosting and colocation provider.

Digital Realty (St. Louis) recently completed work on a $30 million expansion of its data center, adding more than 10,000 square feet. The company, which plans to add another 45,000 square feet of data center space, says this is phase one of a $100 million expansion.

NEW DSI (HQ Kansas City), a mobile supply-chain company, announced plans to expand in 2014, adding 50 employees for a total of 220.

DST Systems (HQ Kansas City) was founded in 1969 as a division of Kansas City Southern Industries to develop an automated recordkeeping system for the mutual fund industry. Today the company is the largest provider of third-party shareholder recordkeeping services in the United States.

NEW ECCO Select (HQ Kansas City) announced plans to invest more than $1 million to expand its headquarters in 2014, creating 96 new IT jobs. ECCO Select is an information technology and management consulting firm that provides a wide range of IT support services to both private and public-sector clients. The Kansas City expansion will help the company access an international client base and bolster Missouri's position as a growing hub for high-tech jobs.
**Emerson** (HQ St. Louis) is a Fortune 500 global manufacturing and technology company offering a wide range of products and services in the areas of process management, climate technologies, network power, storage solutions, professional tools, appliance solutions, motor technologies and industrial automation. In 2009, the company opened a St. Louis data center powered by 550 solar panels.

**NEW** GadellNet Consulting Services (HQ St. Louis), an information technology consulting firm, completed a $1.35 million expansion in 2014, adding 30 new employees. GadellNet offers clients personalized solutions including desk support, network engineering, business and technology management consulting, application development and hosted cloud services.

**NEW** Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City announced plans in 2015 to add up to 200 technology professionals in the next three years to assist with its services and operations.

**Graybar** (HQ St. Louis) is a Fortune 500 company and a leader in the distribution of high-quality electrical, telecommunications and networking products.

**NEW** HealthcareFirst (HQ Springfield) announced plans to hire an additional 20 local employees at its new Springfield headquarters in 2014. HealthcareFirst produces software for the home health care and hospice care industries.

**IBM Service Delivery Center** (Columbia) primarily supports IBM’s U.S. information technology services clients, providing server systems operations, project management and security services, including maintenance and monitoring of computer hardware and software systems.

**Jack Henry & Associates Inc.** (HQ Monett) was founded in 1976 as a provider of core information processing solutions for community banks. Today, the company processes transactions, automates business processes and manages mission-critical information for more than 8,700 financial institutions and corporate entities throughout the U.S.

**NEW** LightEdge Solutions (Kansas City) is a colocation and information technology company that opened a new managed hosting facility for data center clients in Kansas City in 2014, making a $58.3 million capital investment and creating 21 new jobs.

**Lockerdome** (St. Louis) is a social media startup that recently doubled its traffic, passing the 40 million monthly unique visitors mark.

**NEW** miicard (St. Louis), a Scotland-based online identity-verification firm, announced plans to establish a permanent presence in St. Louis in 2014 after participating in the SixThirty accelerator program.
NEW Mindmixer (Kansas City), an online hosted engagement software company, selected Kansas City to be its new home base in 2014, investing more than $1.5 million and creating 80 new jobs.

Moblico Solutions (HQ Kansas City) develops mobile applications using a combination of web, messaging and e-commerce capabilities to help companies focus on revenue generation.

NEC Energy Solutions (St. Louis) designs and manufactures high performance, efficient, safe and reliable advanced battery systems for electric grid, backup power and lead acid replacement applications.

NEW The Nerdery (Kansas City) announced a $4.3 million capital investment in 2014 to expand in downtown Kansas City, adding 100 jobs. The company develops custom interactive technology.

NEW Netelligent (HQ St. Louis), a leading provider of technology solutions, recently announced plans to open a new Kansas City office and hire 30 employees. In 2014, the company expanded its Chesterfield headquarters to support its global operations, making a $1.8 million investment.

NEW Onshore Outsourcing (HQ Macon) announced plans to expand and add more than 100 new jobs in IT services in 2014.

Rarewire (HQ Kansas City) is a software and services company providing technology, design and support capabilities for native apps on iOS and other mobile devices. The company relocated from Kansas to Missouri in 2012.

NEW SpiderOak (HQ Kansas City) announced plans to move its headquarters from Chicago to Kansas City in 2015. The company employs 30 and plans to add 10 employees.

NEW Square (St. Louis), a startup founded in 2009 by St. Louis natives Jack Dorsey and Jim McKelvey, announced plans to open a permanent office in St. Louis’ Cortex Innovation Community in 2015, creating 200 new jobs.

NEW Suitable Technologies (Kansas City), a ‘remote presence’ provider, recently opened an office in Kansas City.

TierPoint (HQ St. Louis) is a leading national provider of information technology and data center services, including colocation, cloud computing and managed IT services.
NEW World Wide Technology (HQ St. Louis) is one of America’s largest private companies and one of the leading systems integrators in the world. The company announced plans to expand its presence in St. Louis through the acquisition of mobile app and software company Asynchrony Labs in 2015, creating 100 new high-paying jobs to further support its operations. The announcement was the company’s second expansion in just two years, in addition to investing more than $100 million to complete the construction and equipping of its Advanced Technology Center, enhance and expand other facilities and create approximately 200 jobs new jobs in St. Louis. As a provider of technology and supply chain solutions, Worldwide uses its e-commerce applications to manage planning, procurement and deployment processes for its clients. The company also provides asset recovery, pre-sales technical support, and integration and staging services.

“Locating in Kansas City, we’re afforded a lot of opportunities that aren’t available in other parts of the country. Kansas City is a growing technology hub where we have access to a lot of great tech talent, but Missouri also has a friendly corporate tax structure that allows us to keep our cost of business low. It’s a winning combination that you won’t find anywhere but here.”

Rachel Delacour, CEO and co-founder of BIME

Other colocation and multi-tenant data center facilities:

365 Data Centers (St. Louis)
1102 Grand, a Netrality Property (HQ Kansas City)
Appia Communications (St. Louis)
Bluebird Underground (HQ Springfield)
Connectria (HQ St. Louis)
Cybercon Data Center (HQ St. Louis)
Datotel (HQ St. Louis)
Globe Building Company (HQ St. Louis)
Holly Data Center (HQ Kansas City)
Hostirian (HQ St. Louis)
Joe’s Datacenter (HQ Kansas City)
Layered Tech (Kansas City)
Level 3 Communications (Kansas City and St. Louis)
Mountain Complex (HQ Branson)
Netsolus (HQ Kansas City)
Sungard Availability Services (St. Louis)
T5 Technology Center (HQ Kansas City)
OneNeck IT Solutions (Kansas City)
XO Communications (St. Louis)

Construction and engineering firms for data centers:

Brinkmann Constructors (HQ St. Louis)
Clayco (St. Louis)
Gibbens Drake Scott (HQ Kansas City)
Henderson Engineers (Kansas City)
Mark One Electric Company, Inc. (HQ Kansas City)
McCarthy (HQ St. Louis)
McCown Gordon Construction (HQ Kansas City)
Murphy Construction (HQ St. Louis)
Level 8 Group (HQ St. Louis)
JE Dunn (HQ Kansas City)
S.M. Wilson & Co. (HQ St. Louis)
Turner Construction Company (Kansas City)
U.S. Engineering Company (HQ Kansas City)
IT staffing firms:

- Advantage Consulting (HQ St. Louis)
- Apex Systems (St. Louis)
- BalancePoint (HQ Kansas City)
- Bradford & Galt (HQ St. Louis)
- Byrne Software Technologies (HQ St. Louis)
- Ciber (St. Louis)
- Daugherty Business Solutions (HQ St. Louis)
- Human Resource Staffing (HQ St. Louis)
- Kelly Services (Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Kansas City, Kirksville, Perryville, Springfield, St. Louis, St. Joseph)
- Kforce (St. Louis)
- Levi, Ray & Shoup (St. Louis)
- Modis (St. Louis)
- Net Effects (HQ St. Louis)
- PDS Technical Services Inc. (St. Louis)
- Professional Employment Group (HQ St. Louis)
- Rose International (HQ St. Louis)
- St. Louis Staffing (HQ St. Louis)
- Star Recruit (HQ Kansas City)
- Strategic Staffing Solutions (St. Louis)
- SylogisTeks (HQ St. Louis)
- Technology Partners (HQ St. Louis)
- TechnoSmarts Inc. (HQ St. Louis)
- TEKsystems (St. Louis)
- Volt Workforce Solutions (St. Louis)
- Westport One (HQ St. Louis)
- Whitton Staffing (HQ St. Louis)
- Yoh Services (St. Louis)
Missouri’s data centers and IT companies

- Major IT and data center companies
- Collocation data centers
- Construction and engineering
- IT staffing firms
- Major airport
Missouri has a highly-trained workforce for IT and data centers.

Missouri’s tech industry employed more than 103,000 people in 2014, accounting for 4.6 percent of its private sector workforce (TechAmerica Foundation, 2015).

50 Missouri post-secondary institutions offer Bachelor's degrees or higher in computer science or the equivalent.

Missouri’s labor force of more than three million exceeds the entire populations of 20 states, including neighboring Kansas, Arkansas and Nebraska (Census Bureau, 2014).

Southeast Missouri State University’s online Bachelor of Science in Technology Management was recently ranked among the nation’s top 20 best online Bachelor of Information Technology degree programs (TheBestSchools.org).

Kansas City recently received a $500,000 grant through the Missouri Division of Workforce Development and U.S. Department of Labor to develop a “coding bootcamp” to provide IT job training.

A recent survey in PC Magazine ranked Kansas City and St. Louis as top cities for launching tech careers. Kansas City and St. Louis both made Nerdwallet’s list of best places for tech jobs in 2015.

LaunchCode is a nonprofit organization, founded in St. Louis, that creates pathways to economic opportunity and upward mobility through apprenticeships and job placement in technology. In 2015, the program expanded to Kansas City and was recognized by President Obama as a national model.

“We don’t matter where you learned code, it just matters how good you are in writing code. If you can do the job, you should get the job ... LaunchCode, which is a not-for-profit that finds talented people across St. Louis and gives them the training and credibility for the tech jobs employers are desperately needing to fill ... Ninety percent of its graduates were hired full time, with an average starting salary of $50,000 a year.”

President Obama
## Occupation information for the IT workforce

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## Median hourly wage

![Median hourly wage chart](chart.png)

## Missouri employment

![Missouri employment chart](chart.png)

Educational resources for data centers

Computer Science degree programs

50+ Missouri post-secondary institutions offer Bachelor's degrees or higher in Computer Science or equivalent:

Color indicates degree programs offered

- Associate's:
- Bachelor's:
- Master's:
- PhD:

American Business and Technology University:

Avila University:

Brown Mackie:

Bryan University:

Central Methodist University:

College of the Ozarks:

Columbia College:

Crowder College:

DeVry University:

Drury University:

East Central College:

Evangel University:

Fontbonne University:

Grantham University:

Hannibal-Lagrange College:

Harris-Stowe:

Hickey College:

ITT Technical Institute-Arnold:

ITT Technical Institute-Earth City:

ITT Technical Institute-Kansas City:

ITT Technical Institute-Springfield:

Lincoln University:

Lindenwood University:

Jefferson College:

Linn State Technical College:

Maryville University of St. Louis:

Metropolitan Community College:

Mineral Area College:

Missouri Baptist University:

Missouri Southern State University:

Missouri State University:

Missouri State University-West Plains:

Missouri Tech:

Missouri University of Science and Technology:
“We’re real excited about the Kansas City market from a talent perspective. We’ve been really encouraged by the great tech talent we’ve found in the city so far, pretty much through word of mouth, from hiring a couple of developers and having them refer their friends. It just made a heck of a lot of sense to invest there, especially with the support that Missouri and Kansas City have given us.”

Tom O’Neill, President, The Nerdery
Engineering degree programs

17 Missouri post-secondary institutions offer Bachelor's or higher degrees in electrical or computer engineering:

- Devry University
- East Central College
- Grantham University
- ITT Institute-Arnold
- ITT Institute-Earth City
- ITT Institute-Kansas City
- ITT Institute-Springfield
- Jefferson College
- Metropolitan Community College
- Mineral Area College
- Missouri Tech
- Missouri University of Science and Technology
- Missouri Western State University
- Ozarks Technical Community College
- Pinnacle Career Institute
- Ranken Technical College
- Saint Louis University
- St. Louis Community College
- Southeast Missouri State University
- University of Central Missouri
- University of Missouri
- University of Missouri-Kansas City
- University of Missouri-St. Louis
- Vatterott College-Berkeley
- Vatterott College-Sunset Hills
- Washington University in St. Louis

Schools offering engineering degrees
Other resources

**Accelerate St. Louis** is a one-stop-shop to connect entrepreneurs to resources and investors who can help them in launching and growing their businesses in the St. Louis region.

**Launch KC** is a strategic initiative designed to attract and develop IT entrepreneurs and professionals to the thriving information technology community in the Crossroads Arts District and throughout greater Downtown Kansas City.

**SixThirty** (St. Louis) provides fintech startups with $100k in funding, mentors and connections to the top financial services companies in the country. Backed by the St. Louis Regional Chamber and venture capital firm Cultivation Capital, SixThirty selects eight financial-based technology startup companies each year, four in the fall and four in the spring. The selected companies receive hands-on training, mentoring and networking opportunities with the top financial services companies in the region.

**St. Louis Information Technology Entrepreneur Network (ITEN)** accelerates scalable tech startups with programs for rapid product development, connections to talent, essential networking and access to funding. ITEN’s offerings are designed by entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs and require neither payment nor equity.

**T-REX** (St. Louis) is a world class venue providing startups with low cost and flexible enterprise space. T-REX is home to 100+ startups and many other entrepreneurial activities including Startup Weekend and StartLouis.

**Did you know?**

St. Louis was identified as an Emerging Major Data Center Market by Tier1 in 2011.

Rolla and Kansas City were listed as two of the most affordable markets for data center operations by the Boyd Company in 2012. Kansas City ranked among the top 10 most promising tech hubs of 2014, according to the Web magazine Techie.com.

In 2015, Kansas City signed a strategic collaboration agreement with Cisco Systems, Inc. to develop the most comprehensive smart city network in North America along the streetcar starter line in downtown.

Popular Mechanics named St. Louis the No. 1 Startup City in America in 2015.

“ECCO Select is pursuing an aggressive growth strategy and with our headquarters here in Missouri, we’re in a great position to launch into new global markets. With strong technology infrastructure, a skilled talent pool, and a supportive business environment, Kansas City provides all the necessary ingredients to grow our business internationally.”

_ECCO Select President and CEO Jeanette Prenger_