The Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC) is the state of Georgia’s technology startup incubator. Founded in 1980 by the Georgia General Assembly which funds it each year, ATDC’s mission is to work with entrepreneurs in Georgia to help them learn, launch, scale, and succeed in the creation of viable, disruptive technology companies. Since its founding, ATDC has grown to become the longest running and one of the most successful university-affiliated incubators in the United States, with its graduate startup companies raising in excess of $3 billion in investment financing and generating more than $12 billion in revenue in the state of Georgia.

ATDC is headquartered in Technology Square and has space in the Ford Environmental Science and Technology (Ford ES&T) Building. The incubator also has staff across the state via its ATDC@ program in Albany, Athens, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Peachtree Corners, and Savannah. ATDC staff also support programming in Alpharetta, Braselton, and Sandy Springs. At these locations, early-stage companies benefit from a strong entrepreneurial working environment, access to professional business consulting, contact with Institute research faculty, and modern office and laboratory facilities. Through its ATDC Connect offering, the incubator also provides companies with access to facilities, personnel, and University System of Georgia students, fosters relationships with investors, and large corporate enterprises.

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