

2007 Leadership Visit
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ELECTIVE TOUR
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Nearly 25 Leadership Visit attendees participated in the elective session at the Boulder Innovation Center (BIC), including Mayor Jim Newberry and Dr. Lee Todd. The session was led by the BIC's president, Doug Collier and the University of Colorado Technology Transfer Office's assistant director, Kate Tallman.

The Boulder Innovation Center has been in existence for 18 months and in that time, they have launched three new companies from the university, created 52 new jobs, and assisted clients in raising \$1.2 million in funding. The BIC focuses on two types of clients: tech transfer clients from the University of Colorado and stage 2, existing companies with established sales. The BIC connects entrepreneurs with Boulder's entrepreneurial community, as well as creates an advisor network, work plan, and project team for the company.

This varies somewhat from the newly formed Bluegrass Business Development Partnership (BBDP). The BBDP will focus its efforts on all aspects of the entrepreneurial community. Its purpose is to work with all level start-ups, as opposed to the BIC's preference for more advanced companies. We feel the Bluegrass Region's entrepreneurs will be better served by our team.