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Embarc Collective to Connect Local Startups with Nationwide Networks

Tampa Bay Innovation Hub Unveils Unique Approach to Collaborating With Key Local and National Partners

Tampa, Florida — Embarc Collective, the innovation hub that helps Tampa Bay's startup talent build bold, scalable, thriving companies, has unveiled a wide-reaching partnership strategy with 50 local, state, and national partners designed to make the Tampa Bay area one of the most hyper-connected entrepreneurial communities in the country.

“We know the more successful entrepreneurial ecosystems are the more connected ones,” says Dr. Rebecca J. White, Professor of Entrepreneurship and Director of the John P Lowth Entrepreneurship Center at the University of Tampa and Embarc Collective Board Member.

“We want to increase access to support for local technology startups,” added Lakshmi Shenoy, CEO of Embarc Collective. “We see this opportunity to connect regional and national resources as critical to strengthening and supporting the growing number of startups in Tampa Bay.”

Local partnerships range from Tampa Bay area universities to coding organizations and startup accelerators. A few key local partners will take residency within Embarc Collective's Tampa Bay hub when it opens in late 2019. Groups such as [BlockSpaces](#), a blockchain innovation studio that provides specialized education, development and support services to a collaborative learning community of individuals, startups, and corporate partners, and [Synapse](#), a platform to connect and organize Florida's innovation community, will have team members on-site, while [Dreamit](#), an early stage fund with headquarters in Philadelphia, will host their urban-tech, health-tech and secure-tech startups at Embarc Collective when in Tampa.

Embarc Collective is forging relationships with relevant Florida-based groups in Gainesville, Orlando, Tallahassee, and Miami, including [The LAB Miami](#), strengthening the entrepreneurial infrastructure across the state. Nationally, Embarc Collective is focusing on collaborating with organizations like the [Nashville Entrepreneurship Center](#), San Francisco Bay Area's [Hero City](#), [1871](#) out of Chicago, [StartingBlock](#) from Madison, [Loeb.atl](#) in Atlanta, [1776](#) with locations across Washington D.C. and Philadelphia, [Innovation Depot](#) in Birmingham, [American Underground](#) in Durham, [GSV Labs](#) in Silicon Valley & Boston, and Philadelphia's [ic@3401](#).

Linda Olson, President, and CEO of the Tampa Bay Wave accelerator, an Embarc Collective partner, explains, “We are excited by momentum and increased support for startups across the Tampa Bay region. Embarc Collective's collaboration with established programs like ours will help unify the ecosystem, propel our startups forward, and ultimately raise the profile of the entire Tampa Bay region.”

The full list of founder focused partners can be found on the organization's website under the Partner section: <https://www.embarccollective.com/partner/>

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