



## **\$21 million Technology and Innovation Hub opens in Hartford**

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*Infosys president Ravi Kumar addresses the crowd at the company's Hartford opening.*  
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[Commissioner Catherine Smith](#), of the [Department of Economic and Community Development](#), reported today through her outreach email notices that the global tech giant [Infosys](#), with over 200,000 employees worldwide, has opened a \$21 million Technology and Innovation Hub in downtown Hartford. The state of Connecticut has invested \$14 million in grants to Infosys to develop the Hartford office. Infosys is slated to create as many as a thousand new jobs in addition to partnering with local universities, including Trinity College with its fine liberal arts programs and students, to target the state's technology talent pool in order to meet the growing demands of the future digital workplace.

[Harriet Jones](#), Managing Editor for WNPR, [reported on December 5, 2018](#), that Governor-Elect Ned Lamont is a personal friend of Infosys President Ravi Kumar and Lamont acted when he learned that Infosys was seeking sites in the U.S. for its innovation hubs. Jones quoted Lamont as saying, “We don’t have silicon, or we may not have oil, but we’ve always had the best trained, most productive workforce in the world. That is the Connecticut calling card.”

While the Hartford location is one of five other hubs around the country, the Hartford Hub is planned to be the global center of the company’s InsurTech and HealthTech business lines. The Infosys Hub will join other developing incubator locations in the state, such as the [Upward Hartford \(where OCC partnered on cybersecurity](#) in October) and the New Haven [Ives Library Technology Center](#). Also scheduled to open this month is a 20,000 square-foot facility in the former G. Fox Building run by MakerspaceCT, a community resource open to prospective inventors, manufacturers, entrepreneurs, hobbyists and students offering classes for all types of equipment and tools needed to make or manufacture prototypes, cosplay, hobbies or artistic projects.

The hub, located at 225 Asylum Street in the Goodwin Square Building, plans on advancing technology education and infrastructure focused on manufacturing, health care, and insurance, three of the businesses most central to the state’s evolving economy. Similar to innovation labs and centers dedicated to clustering technology innovators and potential entrepreneurs, the Infosys Hub in Hartford will feature several Living Labs, each dedicated to the future of insurance, healthcare and manufacturing.

By gathering together human expertise in business and technologies, Infosys Hartford Hub intends to enable rapid experimentation and exploration of innovation efforts such as blockchain, extended reality and cognitive capabilities by working with local and national organizations. The hub concept acts to create interactions based on with advanced work techniques like design thinking, agile (a method of software development project management) and devops (a set of automation practices and processes mating software development and IT teams to help release software faster and more reliably).



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