



### **Regional Assets**

- Strong history
- Vibrant downtown
- Shift to new economy
- Universities and colleges
- · Location, location, location







# Lehigh University as an Engine of Economic Growth

### Today's Economy Driven By:

- · Access to knowledge
- · Application of new ideas
- Technology transfer
- Technology workforce



Precisely the business of universities!

## Lehigh University as an Engine of Economic Growth

- Anchoring the community
- · Generating a technology workforce
- · Contributing to "brain gain"
- Attracting companies and jobs
- · Partnering in R&D
- Creating new companies/attracting investments

### Step 1: Focus Lehigh on Key Technology Areas

# \$75 million academic venture capital initiative: "Lehigh 20/20"

- Materials Science
- Biotechnology
- Nanotechnology
- Optical Technology



# Example: Center for Optical Technologies

- \$16 million in state funding over 5 yrs.
- \$15 million from Lehigh over 5-7 yrs.
- \$8 million in Congressional funding over 4 yrs.
- \$8 million in alumni investment
- · Construction of new optics lab
- Partnerships with established and start-up businesses, Penn State, Ben Franklin, local community colleges

# Step 2: Creation of Innovative Educational Programs

- Computer Science and Business
- · Health and Biopharmaceutical Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- · Bioscience/Bioengineering
- · Global Citizenship



### **Step 3: A Funky College Town**

- · Goal: attract and retain new graduates
- · Enhance quality of life
- Make area attractive to smaller companies
- Revitalize the community
- Lead!

#### Southside Bethlehem Master Plan

#### **Principles of the Master Plan**

Big Idea 1: Anchors

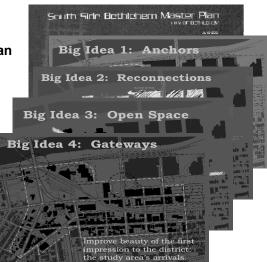
Big Idea 2: Reconnections

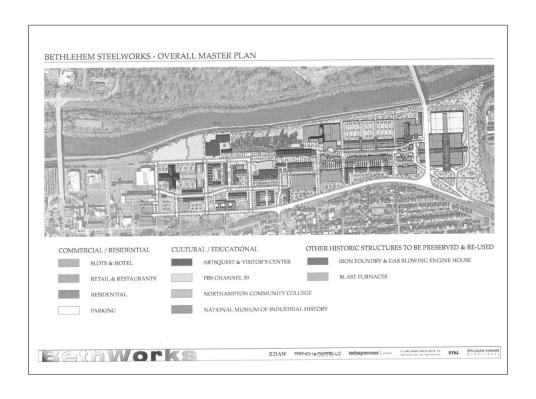
Big Idea 3: Open Space

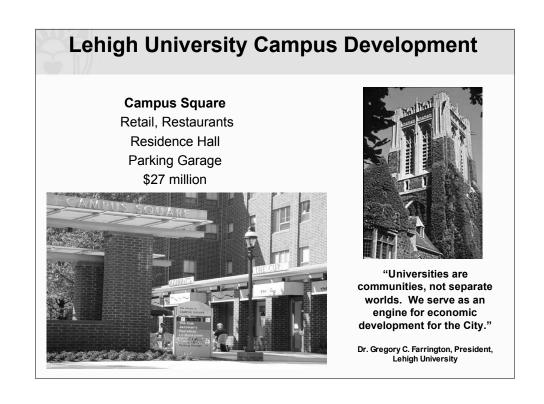
Big Idea 4: Gateways



New Acorn Street Lights \$2 Million Public Investment







### **Southside Renaissance**

- Campus Square
- Gold Plus Card
  - 63 local merchants
  - Over \$1.2 million in merchant sales



- Streetlights / Streetscape
- Enhanced integration of campus and community

# Step 4: Programs to Stimulate Economic Development

- Small Business Development Center
- lacocca Institute
- Manufacturers Resource Center (MRC)
- Entrepreneurship programs/internship programs

### **Entrepreneurship at Lehigh**

- Office of Technology Transfer, Entrepreneurial Research, and Education
  - Funding from PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development Opportunity Grant and Keystone Innovation Grant
  - Supports commercialization of products/services for regional, state, and national economic development
- Curriculum in Entrepreneurship
  - Minor in Entrepreneurship, Global Village
- · Governor's School for Global Entrepreneurship
  - Entrepreneurial scholarship

# PA Infrastructure Technology Alliance (PITA)

- \$5 million from the Commonwealth annually, with Carnegie Mellon as partner
- · State funding leveraged dollars 2 to 1
- 400 projects with 125 companies
  - 9 new start-up companies
  - Produced 11 patents and 3 provisional patents

### **Agile Manufacturing Enterprise**

- \$750K in state funding
- Student consulting projects focused on costsavings for Pennsylvania agencies and companies
- Worked with 18 Pennsylvania manufacturers in 2004
- \$10.7 million in savings to PennDOT

### **Step 5: New Company Formation**

#### All on Lehigh's campus....

- · Ben Franklin Technology Partners incubator
- · Venture capital
- · Lehigh University entrepreneurial programs
  - Integrated Product Development (IPD)
  - Office of Technology Transfer

## Ben Franklin Technology Partners Incubator

- Business incubator located at Lehigh
  - Develops early stage companies
  - Improves established manufacturers
  - Promotes infrastructure initiatives
- Impact since '83:
  - Started 337 new companies
  - Created 9,373 new jobs
  - Retained 17,266 existing jobs
- Business-University link
  - Faculty experts -Facilities and equipment
  - Graduate students -Internships

#### **Some Successes**

- Glucolyte
  - Medical devices
  - Glucose sensor with optical technologies
- · Azevan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
  - Pharmaceutical
  - Licensed technology from Eli Lilly
- OraSure Technologies, Inc.
  - Medical devices
  - HIV testing
- IQE, Inc.
  - Microelectronics
  - Wafer manufacturing

### **OraSure Technologies, Inc.**

- BF investments 1988-1990 \$231,817
- Born in business incubator
- · Merged with a publicly-traded company
- Recently received one-day FDA approval for first rapid HIV test; announcement by President Bush
- Employs more than 190 people
- · Built and expanded into Beth Tech III
- Lehigh alumnus co-founder; student hires; faculty consultants

## IQE, Inc.

- BF investments 1989-1991 \$231,146
- · Born in business incubator
- Microelectronics company
- After 10 years, company merged with another
- New company went public with a market cap in March 2000 of \$1.25+ billion
- All local jobs were retained
- · Founder remains on faculty; student hires

#### **Success Continues...**

#### **John Cook Tech Center**

- Funded by Loan Pool Partnership
- Former Bethlehem Steel site
- Graduates of Ben Franklin Incubator



## **Step 6: Attracting New Companies**

- Lehigh University
- Ben Franklin Technology Partners
- Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation
- Successes: Olympus, SuperVision, Nanoblox,Inc.

# **Keystone Innovation Zone** (KIZ)

- · Objectives
  - Create new technologies/support entrepreneurs by growing/locating companies near universities and colleges
  - Tech transfer
  - Infrastructure development
  - Curriculum development to support new technologies
- Additional Partners
  - City of Bethlehem, hospitals, community colleges, private sector

### **KIZ First-Year Accomplishments**

- Awarded 7 tech projects/11 student internships
- Attracted 2 companies to the KIZ
- 4 companies within the KIZ received \$3 million in federally-funded research grants
- Transportation Linkage Study
- · Wireless Telecommunications
  - Feasibility Study
  - Implementation Plan
- · Life Sciences Study

