



# Creating an Innovation Economy

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# Outline

- Our Perspectives on the Innovation Economy
- The Global Knowledge Economy
  - Are Traditional Strategies Still Effective?
  - Or, Why Are We So Challenged?
- Creating an Innovation Economy
  - Five Success Factors
- Conclusions



# Our Perspectives on the Innovation Economy

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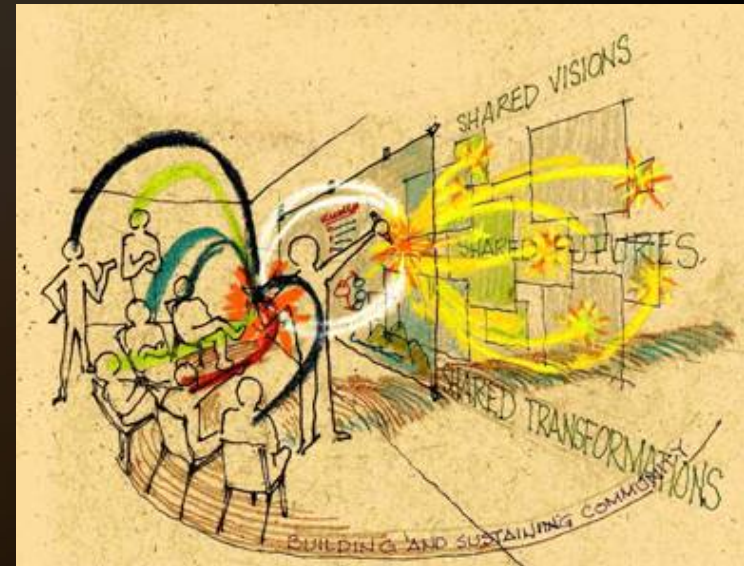
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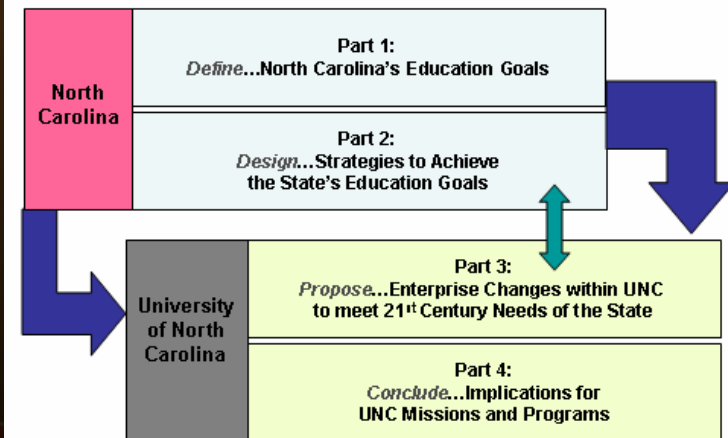
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# Eva Klein & Associates: Strategies for the Global Knowledge Economy

- Higher Education Strategy
  - Strategic planning
  - Capital planning
  - Finance
  - Governance & management
- Pioneering in engagement of universities in *knowledge-based economic development*
  - Research parks
  - Incubation and commercialization
  - Regional strategies and alliances
  - Higher education policy



What do the People of North Carolina need from their University, to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?



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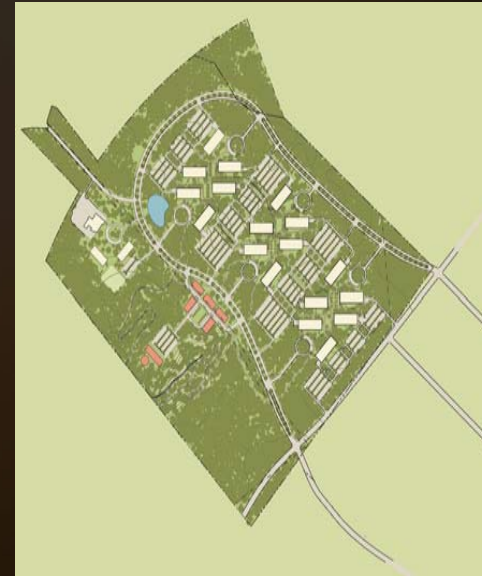




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# IDEA Partnerships: New Communities in the Knowledge Economy

- Real estate development services
  - At risk or fee-based
  - In partnership with institutions and public sector agencies
  
- *Strategic Business Plans*
  - Research parks
  - Mixed-use campus sites
  - Comprehensive regional strategies





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## Two Questions Posed for Today

- Are **traditional strategies** to support education, research, and economic development still effective for building prosperity in the new Global Knowledge Economy?
- What **collaborative new approaches** can government, universities, and their private sector partners adopt to assure long-term success in creation of an *Innovation Economy*?



# The Global Knowledge Economy

Are Traditional Strategies Working?  
or  
Why Are We So Challenged?

# Human Economies and Societies: 3 Major Transformations in 8,000 Years



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## Pre-Agrarian

- Pre-history to 8,000 BC

- Hunting/Gathering
- Nomadic Cultures
- Emergence of Tools



## Agrarian

- Since 8,000 BC

- Agricultural Cultivation
- Formation of Communities
- Laws for Land Ownership



## Industrial

- Since @ 1800

- Machines/Production Process
- Literacy/Public Schools
- Business Organizations & Law



## Knowledge

- Since last few decades

- Innovation & Technology
- Knowledge Work Force
- Globalization, Alliances, Regionalism, Networks



# Economic Transformation: What's Different? (Everything)

- Time
  - Rapid velocity of change
- Communications
  - Instant and constant
- Economic Performance
  - Regionalization
- Markets/Trade
  - Transnational
- Business Firms
  - Agility
- Work Force
  - High-skilled and mobile
- Industry Clusters
  - Visible scale & critical mass
- Economic Strategy
  - Larger regional scale
- **Key Strategic Assets**
  - Human capital
  - Knowledge institutions



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# Wealth Creation: The Inputs Are Different

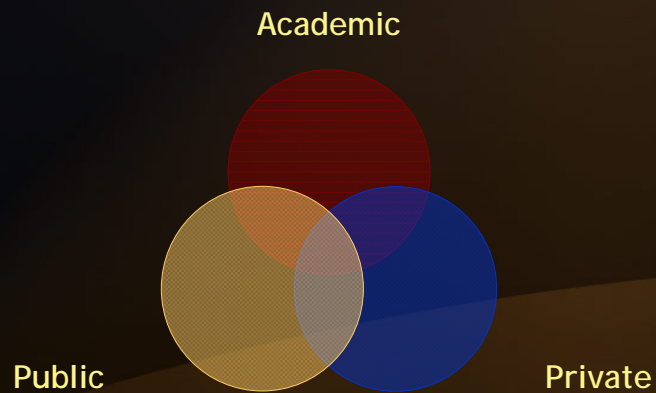
- Agricultural Economy
  - Land + Labor
- Industrial Economy
  - Capital + Labor
  - With more forms of capital
- Knowledge Economy
  - Innovation + Capital
  - Knowledge (human capital) accounts for increasing percentage of the value of business enterprises

# How We Accomplish Things: Big Change from Sectors to Functions

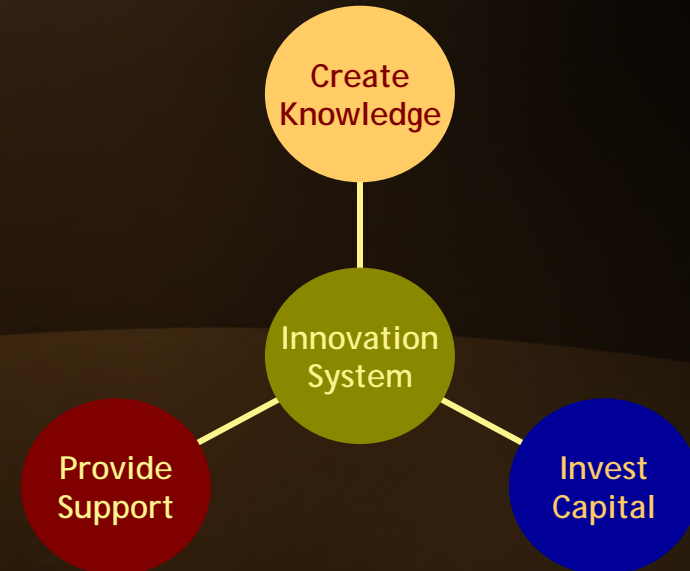


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**Industrial Economy**  
Functions organized  
within sectors



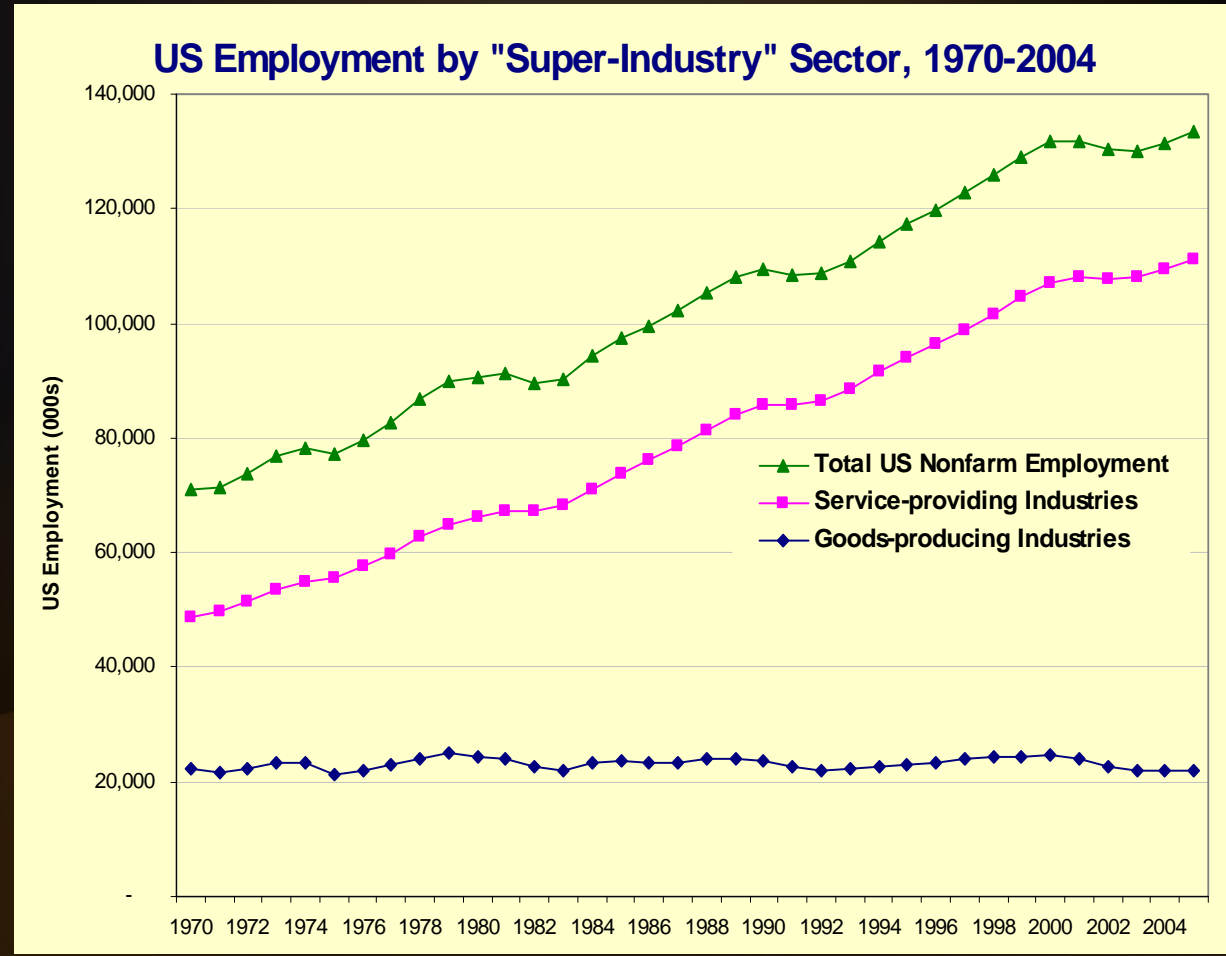
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# Industrial Economy Jobs: Goods vs. Services, US, 1970 to 2004



Source: BLS Current Employment Statistics, prepared by ACCRA/CREC

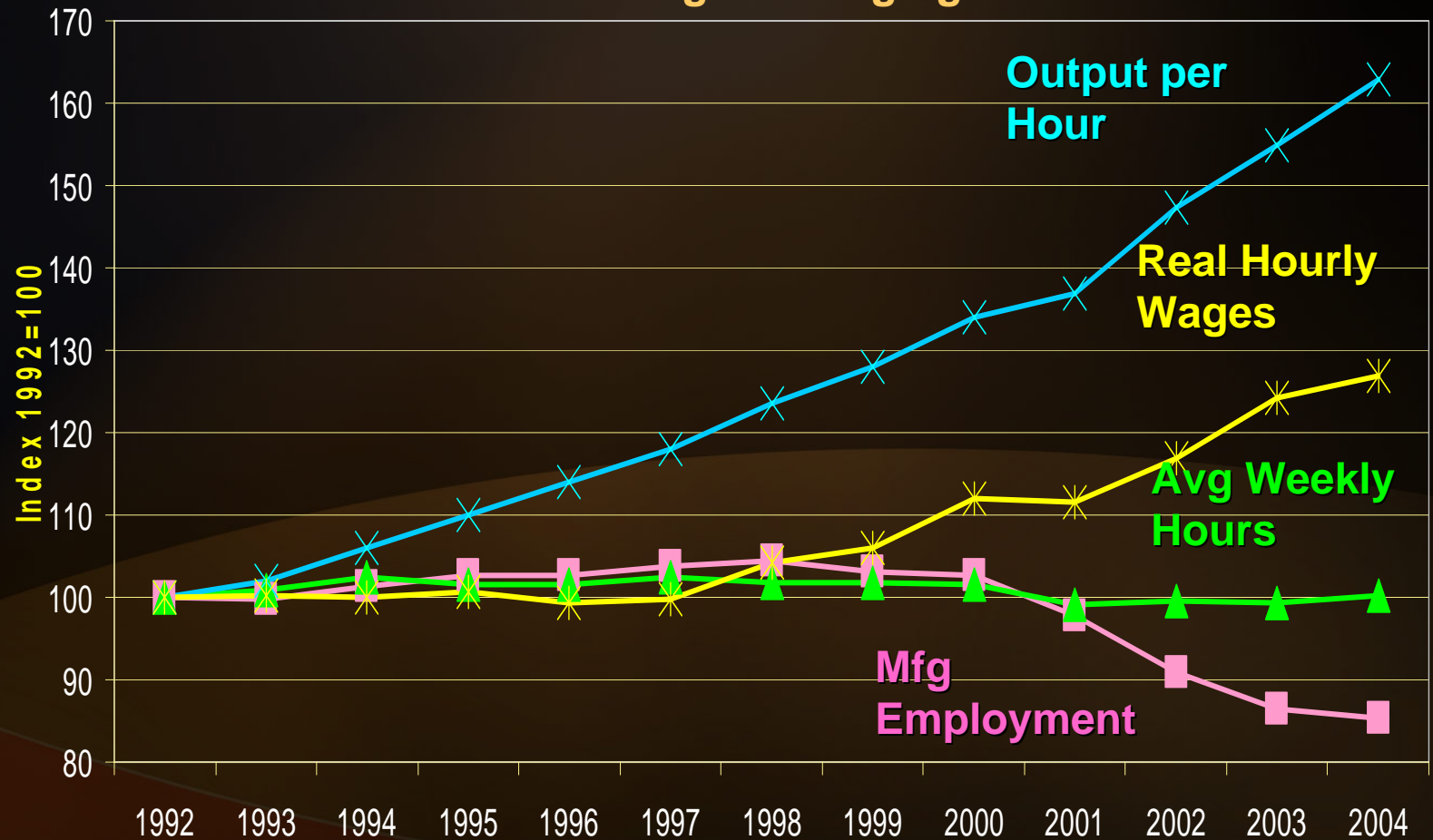




# Advanced Manufacturing: Effects of Innovation

**Manufacturing employment declines. Wages and output are up.  
The structure of manufacturing is changing.**

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Source: Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness, from BLS data



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# Industrial Economy Jobs: Why is Canada's Performance Different?

Table 6. Civilian Employment Approximating U.S. Concepts by Economic Sector, 1960-2006 (in thousands)

Year	USA	Canada	Australia	Japan	France	Germany	Italy	Neth'Ids	Sweden	UK
<b>Manufacturing</b>										
1996	20,518	1,926	1,123	14,420	4,073	8,643	4,955	1,106	773	4,966
1997	20,835	2,011	1,143	14,390	4,035	8,521	4,872	1,128	763	4,903
1998	20,733	2,094	1,106	13,780	4,047	8,687	4,956	1,129	770	4,884
1999	20,070	2,192	1,071	13,410	4,034	8,591	4,961	1,147	759	4,763
2000	19,644	2,249	1,129	13,180	4,079	8,647	4,944	1,159	761	4,612
2001	18,434	2,229	1,095	12,800	4,131	8,626	4,924	1,147	751	4,469
2002	17,233	2,286	1,106	11,990	4,065	8,504	4,975	1,116	722	4,276
2003	16,902	2,275	1,085	11,750	3,976	8,286	5,027	1,076	696	4,105
2004	16,484	2,292	1,093	11,470	3,869	8,242	4,842	1,088	683	3,784
2005	16,253	2,207	1,073	11,390	3,784	8,015	4,822	1,097	658	3,731
2006	16,377	2,118	1,062	11,582	NA	NA	4,817	NA	658	NA
<b>% Chg</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>-25%</b>

[www.bls.gov/fls/flscomparelf.htm](http://www.bls.gov/fls/flscomparelf.htm)



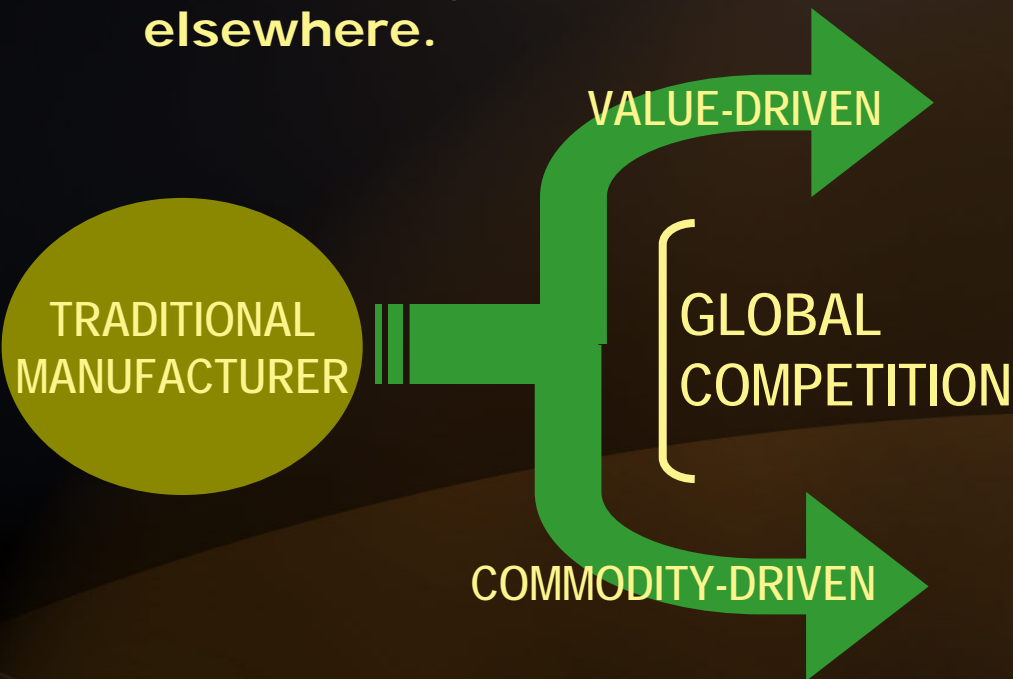
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# Current Manufacturing Challenge: Make it Smart or Make it Cheap

Public policy should not provide incentives to take production jobs elsewhere.

## COMMUNITY RESPONSES:

- TALENT
- QUALITY OF PLACE
- HIGH-VALUE SITES
- TRANSPORTATION



- LOW COST LABOR
- LOW TAXES
- RAW MATERIALS
- TRANSPORTATION

*The value of goods is no longer in the processing and manufacture of raw materials.*

Source: Adapted from Jon Roberts, TIP



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# In the Flat World: Asia on the Rise

- Asia (nations other than Japan)
  - South Korea and Taiwan were already well established in particular markets
  - Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and others boosted their market strength and showed potential for further increases in competitiveness.
- China has become the world's third-largest R&D performer
  - According to data compiled by OECD, Chinese R&D spending reached \$84.6 BB in 2003, up from \$12.4 BB in 1991.

Source: Science and Engineering Indicators 2006, NSF

## Asia's Dynamic Global Cities



Source: Prof. SHIH Choon Fong, Singapore University





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# In the Flat World: But, EU Also on the Rise

## The Lisbon Strategy

New objectives of making the EU, by 2010,

“the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world, capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion”.

Source: Lisbon European Council, 2000



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# The Knowledge Economy: A Definition


- Captures and commercializes innovation
- Advances competitiveness of traditional industries
- Grows visible, globally-competitive clusters in new knowledge enterprises
- Creates and sustains a highly-skilled work force

Source: Eva Klein, 1985



# Creating an Innovation Economy

5 Success Factors



# Creating an Innovation Economy: 5 Success Factors

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- Niches of competence
- Infrastructure for innovation
- Human capital
- Smart community “places”
- Regional leadership and strategy





# Creating an Innovation Economy

Niches of Competence



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# Niches of Competence: 4 Mega-Industry Clusters

- Information and Telecommunications
  - Hardware
  - Software
  - Telecommunications and Internet services
- Life Sciences
  - Genomics-human, plant, animal
  - Biomedical diagnostics, treatments, biomaterials, bioengineering
  - Food supply
- Advanced Manufacturing
  - New Materials, e.g. nano-materials
  - New Processes, e.g., nano-manufacturing
  - Customization; identification; compatibility
- Energy and Environment
  - Alternative/clean energy
  - Protection and remediation of water, air, earth—and SECURITY
  - Sustainability

Source: Eva Klein, 1985



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# Clusters: Very Old Phenomenon; New Importance

- Groups of businesses that form a value or supply chain and that interact by...
  - Buying from and selling to one another
  - Using the same physical infrastructure
  - Relying on the same institutions
  - Both competing and collaborating
  - Sharing workforce pools
- Clusters build on some form of competitive advantage, usually intertwined factors:
  - Infrastructure investments
  - Business climate
  - Presence of entrepreneurs
  - Emergence of a new technology
  - Niche expertise of a university



## Old Cluster Examples:

Holland	Bulbs
London	Finance
Antwerp	Diamonds
Hollywood	Cinema



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Niches of Competence

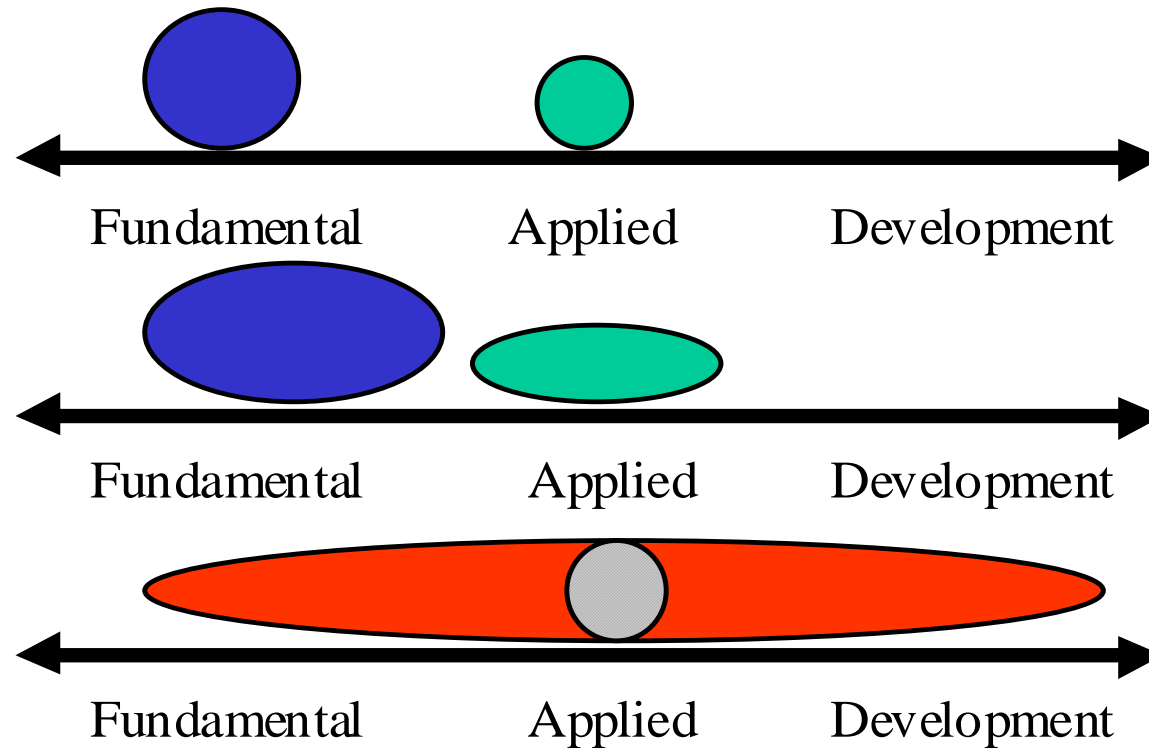
**Infrastructure for Innovation**



# Research and Development: Evolving Models



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College of Textiles NC State

**New Models for Multidisciplinary, "Problem-Focused" R&D Are Emerging:  
Not Yet Perfected**



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# Technology Transfer: A Paradigm Lost?

- New art form for university and government science since 1981 (in US)
  - Disclosures, patents, licensing, options, royalties
  - Some flashy big winners, like Gatorade, Taxol
- Threats to the paradigm—It's a tool of the *Industrial Economy*:
  - Software piracy
  - Patents under review and patent infringements
  - Costly litigation
  - Velocity of information & capital = faster than rule of law
  - Emerging economies play by different rules



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# Technology Development: The Newer Game

- Technology Development or **Knowledge Management:**
  - Company and product formation and growth strategies
  - Focus on:
    - Supporting entrepreneurs
    - Pairing researchers with entrepreneurs
    - Using technology locally or regionally
  - New kinds of long-term collaborative R&D relationships with shared intellectual property and “collaborative patents”



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# Entrepreneurial, Engaged University: A New Invention

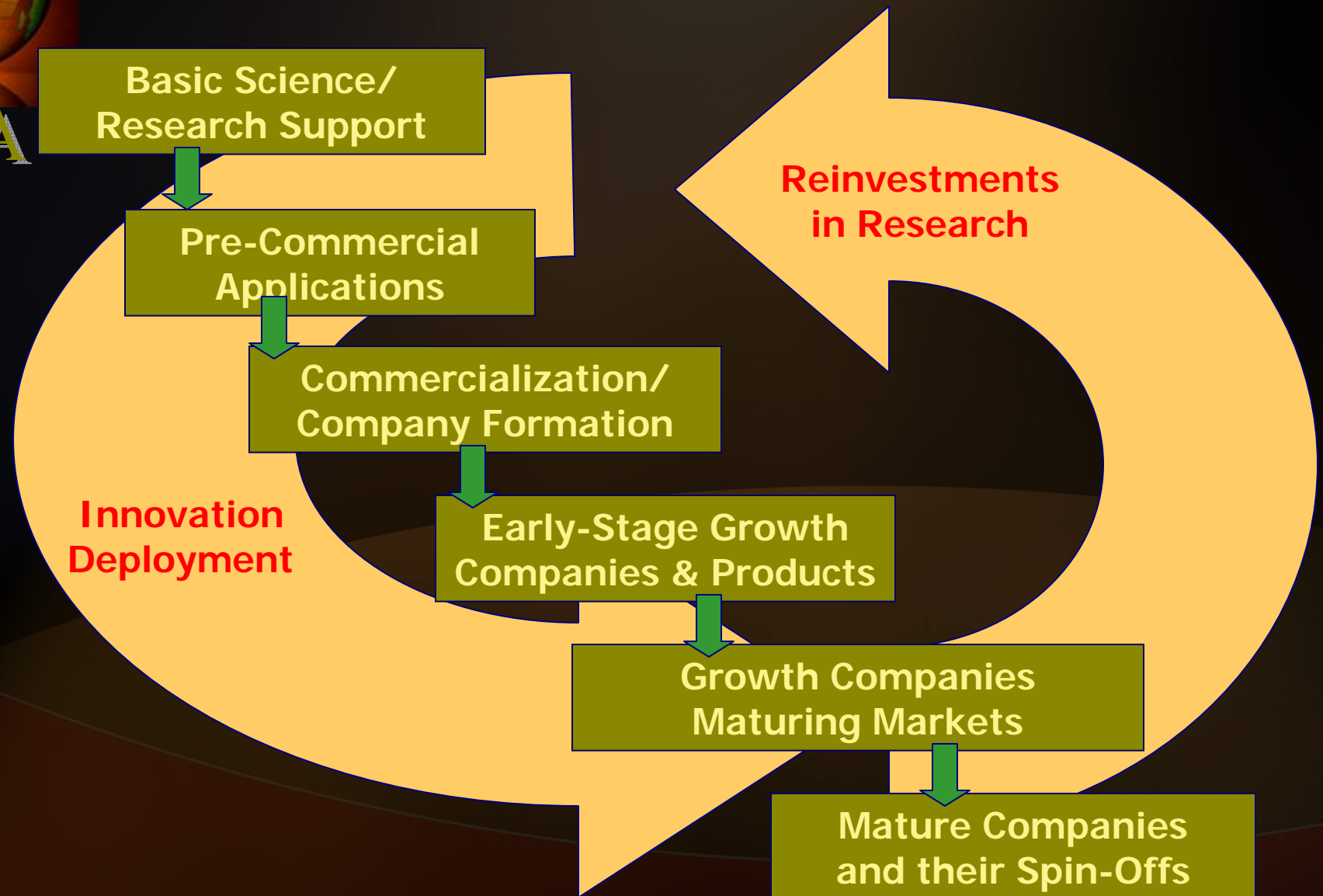
- Kauffman Foundation just-published study
- 25 years of university entrepreneurship research; 173 articles
- Found four streams of research:
  - Entrepreneurial research university
  - Productivity of technology transfer offices
  - New firm creation
  - **Environmental context including networks of innovation**

Source: Rothaermel, Agung, and Jiang, Georgia Institute of Technology, Kauffman Foundation, 2007

# An Innovation Enterprise Life Cycle: Implant, Capture, Grow, Re-Seed



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# A Regional Innovation System: It's Messy and Still Being Defined

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## SEEDS

University Research  
Niches



Collaborations  
Ways to Enhance



Corporate R&D  
Policy Incentives

## CULTIVATION

IP Policies—  
New focus on development

Risk Capital Gaps—  
\$ for Concept, Pre-Seed,  
Seed Investments

Business Development—  
Many forms of support

Knowledge Work Force—  
New Education & Training  
Solutions



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Niches of Competence  
Infrastructure for Innovation

**Human Capital**



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# Human Capital: Population Matters

- Opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship increase with population size
- Great portion of innovation is concentrated in large MSAs:
  - Large companies
  - Many young companies
  - Major universities
  - “Thick markets”
  - “Knowledge spillover”

In the US, the top 10 states account for almost two-thirds of R&D expenditures (NSF) and 50% of R&D is in 7 states.



# US “Megapolitans:” 10 Areas of 10 Million+ by 2040

Canada, like the US, has population concentrations—  
where the action will be.

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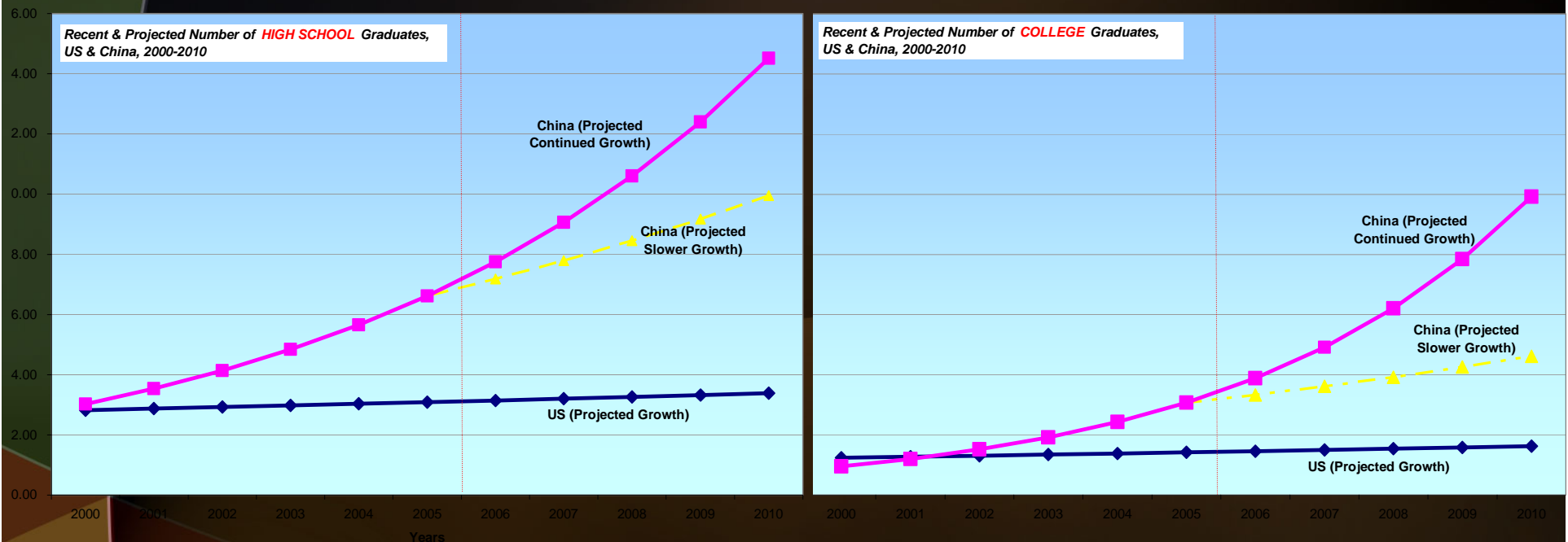
Source: Lang and Dhavale, Metropolitan Institute at Virginia Tech University, 2005



# Global Competition May Turn On: Education Results Above All

## High School & College Graduates in the US & China, 2000-2010

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**China rapidly overtaking the US in sheer numbers of educated people.**

**Are comparisons for Canada similar?**





# The Trend is Clear: More Education Attainment Required

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## *USA Projected Employment By Education Level*

<i>Educational Band</i>	<i>Employment 2007</i>	<i>Net New Jobs (2007-2017)</i>	<i>Average Earnings 2007</i>	<i>% Total Employment (2007)</i>	<i>% New Jobs (2007-2017)</i>
Advanced Degree	6,442,947	1,559,103	\$88,639	3.7%	5.2%
4-year College Degree	28,672,368	6,171,171	\$80,623	16.5%	20.6%
Tech-Some Post	14,680,694	3,319,873	\$49,305	8.4%	11.1%
GED Some Experience	23,161,040	3,352,418	\$50,040	13.3%	11.2%
GED/Entry	37,931,763	5,300,947	\$38,055	21.8%	17.7%
Below GED	63,244,115	10,312,306	\$25,275	36.3%	34.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>174,132,926</b>	<b>30,016,818</b>	<b>\$44,837</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Forecasts from Regional Dynamics, calculated by Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness



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Niches of Competence  
Infrastructure for Innovation  
Human Capital

**Smart Communities**



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# In the Internet Age...

## Why Does Place Matter?

- Because Innovation and Innovations Systems are local
  - “Knowledge transfers between universities and their partners are highly personalized and, as a consequence, often **highly localized**. This underscores the significance of **geographical proximity** for the process of knowledgeable transfer and innovation.”
  - “**Proximity** effect of knowledge transfer provides a strong clue as to why universities are increasingly seen as an essential element in the process of local and regional economic development, especially in knowledge - intense industries , such as ICT and Biotech.”
- Source: David Wolfe, Ph.D, U of T
- “In the modern economies **locational advantage** in the capacity to innovate is ever more dependent on the agglomerations of specialized skills, knowledge, institutions, and resources that make up the underlying technological infrastructure”

Source: Feldman & Florida 1994 – The Geography of Innovation



# New Idea of "Place:" Research Parks are Old News

Evolution from industrial park subdivisions into research parks...

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Now influenced by concepts of university campus and urban places.



Source: Eva Klein & Associates

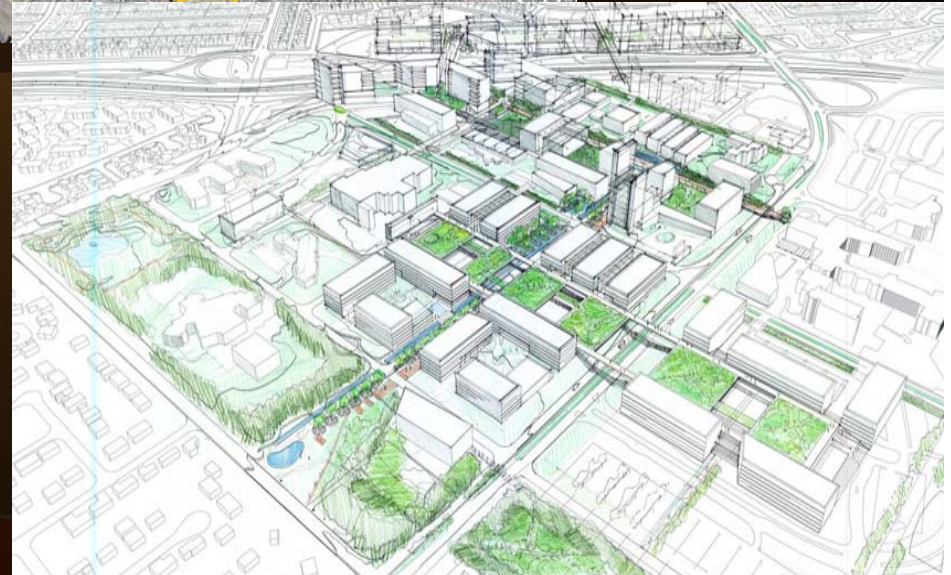




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# New Places: Integrated Knowledge Communities

- Urbanism
- Mixed uses
- Sustainability
- Connection of university campuses with associated business sites and neighborhoods







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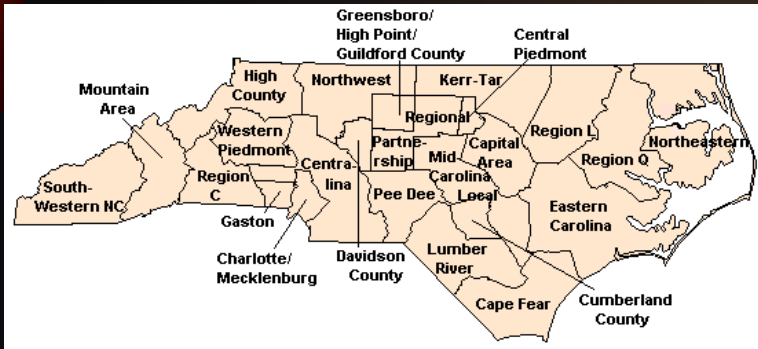
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**Regional Leadership & Strategy**

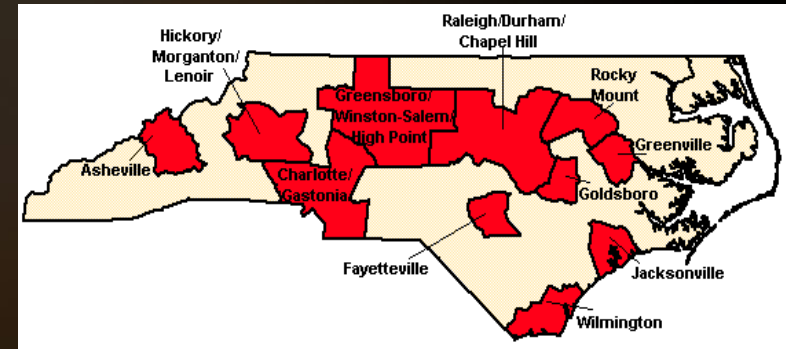


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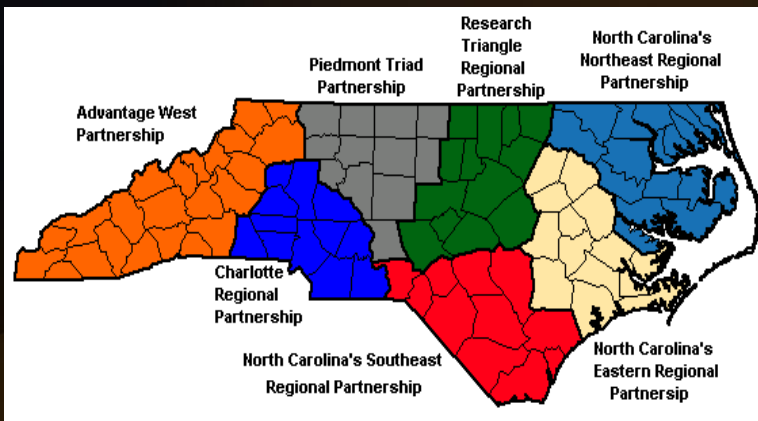
# Regions: Hard to Define



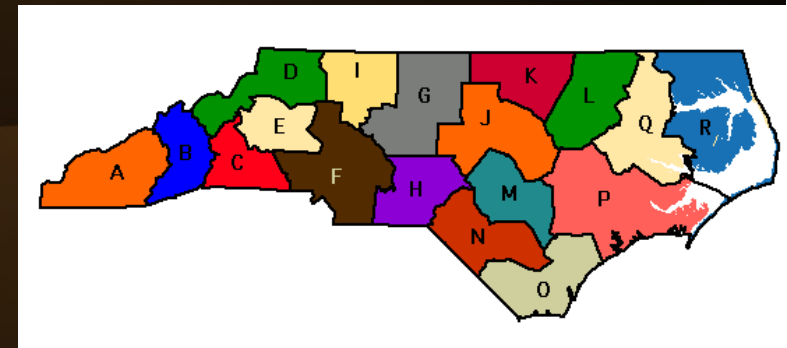
NC Workforce Development Board Regions



NC Census-Designated MSAs



NC Economic Devt Partnership Regions



NC Councils of Government Regions

Plus, North Carolina has 100 counties; 59 community colleges/service areas; and 16 public universities—several of which are “regional.”



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# Regions: Toward Pragmatic Definitions

- A region IS defined by:
  - Natural economic dynamics in an age of high-speed travel and communications
    - Commuting distances
    - Media markets
    - Major industry concentrations
- A region is an area, including rural areas, roughly bounded along an axis of urban center(s) and major knowledge institution(s)
- If all other definitions fail... A region is:  
...an area safely larger than the last one to whose problems we found no solution (Jacobs)
- In reality, *any* definition of *economic region* will have "fuzzy boundaries"



# Regions: Even More Difficult to Mobilize





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# Our Greatest Challenge: New Forms of Alliance Organizations

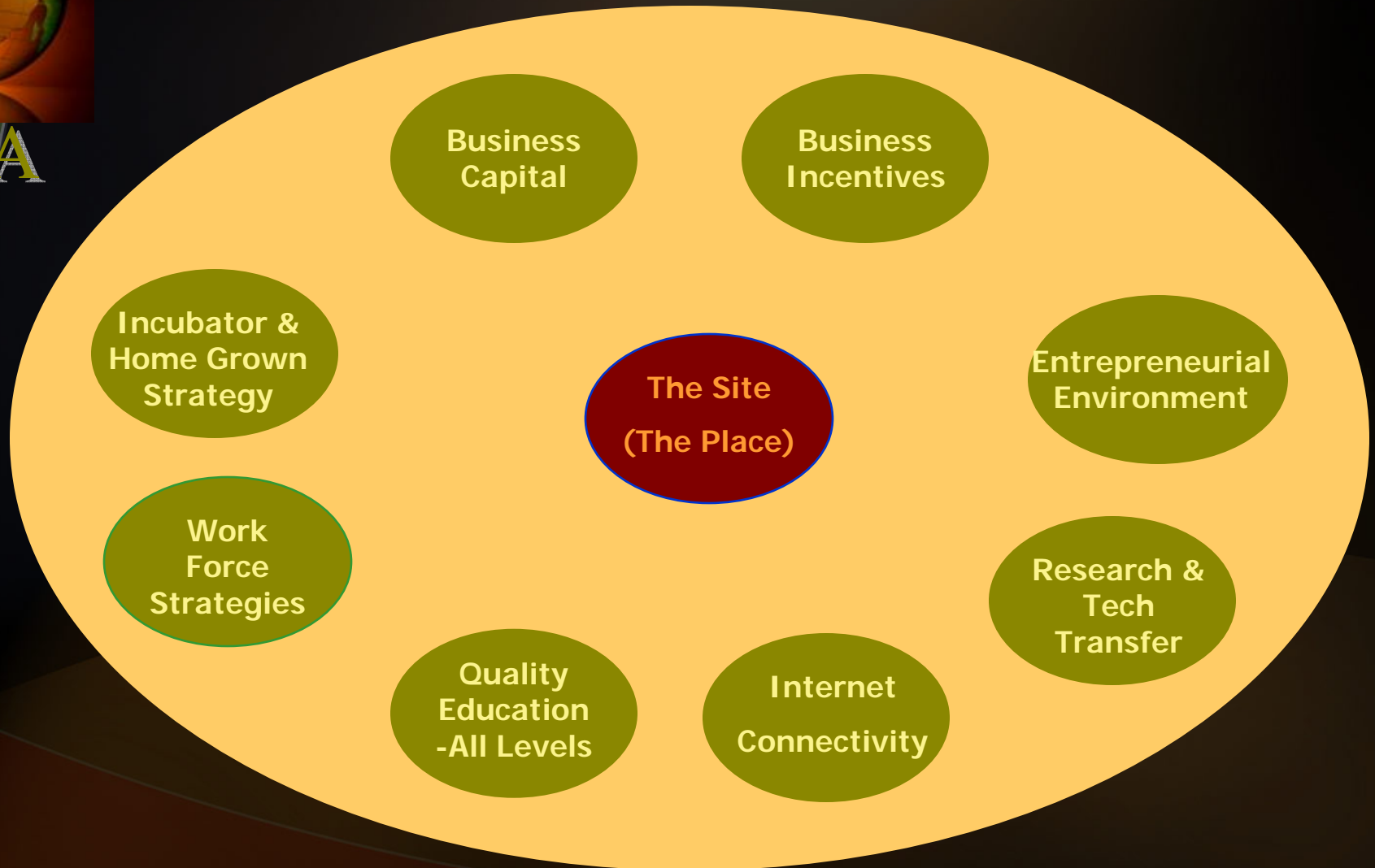
- Alliances
  - Multi-institutional
  - Academic-public-private sectors
  - **EFFECTIVE** Multiple stakeholder organizations
- Networks
  - Research
  - Commercialization and entrepreneurship
  - Data and computing
- Globalization vs Regionalism
  - Strategy occurs on local/regional level
  - National and provincial governments playing key policy and investment roles
  - Find a solution to the problem of **TOO MANY LAYERS**



# Creating an Innovation Economy: Needs Comprehensive Strategy



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Source: Eva Klein & Associates



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Conclusions

# Economic Development: Industrial Economy



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**Manufacturing**



**Sites**

**Business  
Recruitment  
and  
Incentives**



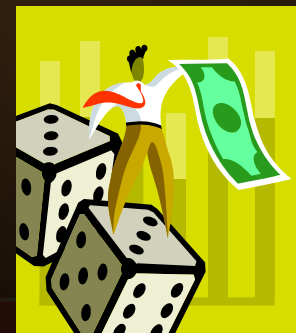
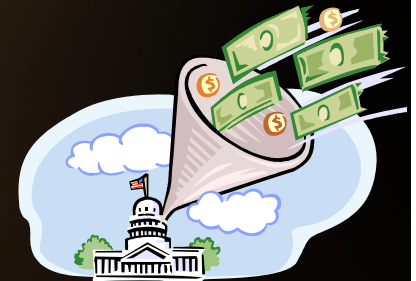
**Jobs**

# Measuring Outcomes: Familiar Industrial Economy Metrics



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- # of Jobs "Created"
  - Even if only moved; not really "new"
- Growth in Ratables (Revenues)
  - Very important to local government
- \$ Levels of Capital Investment
  - Usually not reported as "net" of incentives provided
- SF of Space Leased or Occupied
  - Can be short-lived accomplishment—companies do not always stay



# Economic Development: Innovation Economy



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## Innovation & Intellectual Capital



Quality of Place

Energizing  
Innovation  
and  
Building  
Knowledge  
Assets



Knowledge  
Work Force



# Measuring Outcomes: New Innovation Economy Metrics

- Human Capital
  - Population size
  - Skills levels
  - Youth
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
  - New company formations and growth
  - Systems in place to nurture innovation
- Regional Competence
  - Focused R&D investment strategy—clusters
  - Overall growth in knowledge asset base
  - World-class competitiveness in something
- Leadership
  - Vision
  - Willingness to invent and take/manage risks
  - Sharing credit for success



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# At the Heart of the Transformation: The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Research University

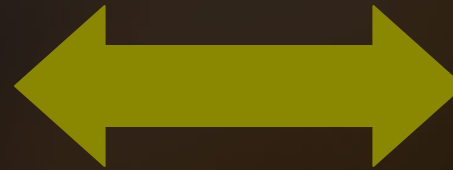
- More niche-building and world-class programs
- New integrated models in research
- Restructuring of degree & non-degree programs
- Explicit variation in delivery modes & locations
- True accommodation of varied learner constituents, *especially adults*
- Enlarged roles of faculty as professional problem-solvers
- More open and mixed-use campus environments
- Different & business-friendly academic culture



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# At the Heart of the Transformation: Toppling the Ivory Tower

Knowledge  
Producer  
Sector



Knowledge  
User  
Sector

Thus, it is conceivable that the economic advantage of particular places is in turn dependent on the networks and capacities that build up between knowledge producers and knowledge users in particular localities. These capacities do not just have a territorial significance, but they help to position each sector better within its own global networks; thus by undertaking regional engagement work, universities receive more core funding which can be invested in improving their own international reputation and esteem. Likewise, by working with regional-engaged universities, businesses are able to innovate more effectively, learn more quickly, and help produce better and more competitive products improving their own competitive strength.

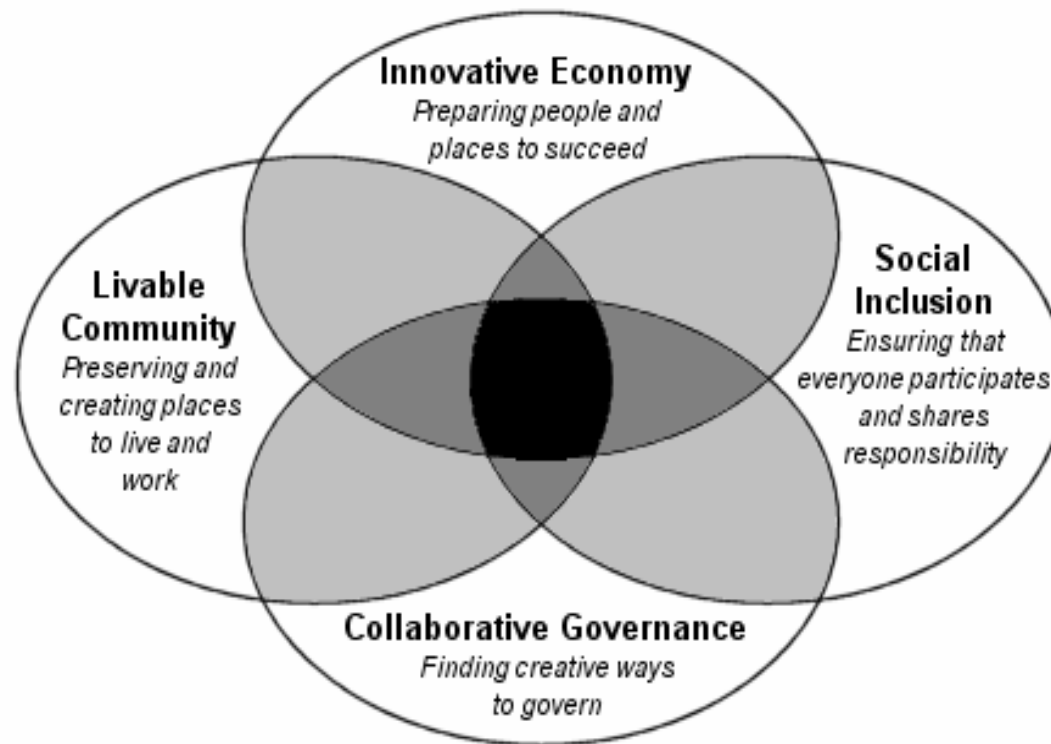
Source: Understanding the Regional Contribution of  
Higher Education Institutions:  
A Literature Review, OECD, p. 48

# At the Heart of the Transformation: Universities as Regional Stewards



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## Framework for Regional Stewardship



Source: American Association of State Colleges and Universities



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# And One Last Word: There are No Cookbooks (Yet)

Take the transformation challenge seriously .  
AND—Recognize the need to invent and test new solutions.

- When hunters/gatherers took up **farming**, we invented:
  - Land ownership laws
  - Communities (and government)
  - Agricultural tools and processes
- When farmers took up **manufacturing**, we invented:
  - Assembly line
  - Public education
  - Labor and business law
- As we take up **innovation**, what will we invent?
  - New solutions to world problems
  - New sources of wealth and prosperity
  - New forms of social, political, economic, & education institutions



Je vous remercie de  
m'avoir invitée a cette  
réunion.

Je vous souhaite un avenir de réussites  
et de prospérité.