

Equity in Success



Inland Empire Tech Bridge

ISSUE

Diversification of the region's economy requires an investment in innovative sectors in the Inland Empire. These sectors include new technology and product development, and services to meet the needs of climate-resiliency and energy efficiency, while securing the nation's safety through a strong and stable infrastructure. Given the need for investment by the region's innovators and entrepreneurs, the District partnered with the Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona and the County of Riverside to create the Inland Empire Tech Bridge. This will provide programming and supportive services to the region's job creators and seekers.

BACKGROUND

Anchored by Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, the Inland Empire Tech Bridge sits among a growing innovation ecosystem. Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division's strategic partnerships with academia, government and industry support the command's mission of performance and readiness assessment, measurement science and calibration, and range systems engineering for live, virtual, constructive training.

The Inland Empire Tech Bridge uses off-base facilities for collaborative workshops and problem-solving events to pursue dual-use innovation that benefits sailors and marines as well as industry in the following areas:

- Data Analytics
- Data Environments
- Data Visualization
- Measurement Technologies

In addition to the creation of new, dual-use innovative technologies, the Inland Empire Tech Bridge serves as the site for the Inland Empire APEX Accelerator, a Department of Defense sponsored program that helps entrepreneurs prepare for government contracting and procurement. Additionally, the Inland Empire Tech Bridge is a resource for the region's job seekers, offering services through the Naval Surface Warfare Center and the County of Riverside to assist residents with finding jobs in the region.

REQUEST

- The District is seeking resources for continued programming in support of the region's job creators and seekers. To date, the District has received \$1.5 million through Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes and \$1.5 million from the County of Riverside to secure the building in Norco, adjacent to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, and approximately \$1.1 million for the technology equipment needed to create a prototyping lab on site.

