

Melbourne tech center selects first 4 tenants

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The first four technology company tenants were selected this week for the new 30,000-square-foot Technological Research and Development Authority Business Innovation Center in Melbourne.

The companies include:

- Adapt 4, which develops hardware and software that supports radio communications via licensed radio waves that are not in use in a network area.
- Audigence, whose patented software will allow cochlear implant and hearing aid manufacturers to better tune their devices for clearer speech recognition in hearing-impaired individuals.
- ColorSculpt, which has created a process to manufacture full-color sculptures of people.
- Sea-Watch, which provides online monitoring and control to owners of marine vessels that are 30 feet in length and longer.

To be considered as tenants, company leaders were evaluated on whether they appeared to have the ability to run a business and offer a dynamic product that has market potential and will be a driver of change, says Chester J. Straub Jr., executive director of the TRDA.

The TRDA Business Innovation Center is supported by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, the city of Melbourne and Brevard County.

It is expected to serve 30 to 35 new or expanding companies and create 70 to 100 jobs in the first four years of operation.

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