The Maryland Department of Commerce Office of Military and Federal Affairs (OMFA) and the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (CCDC) jointly created the Maryland Defense Technology Commercialization Center (DefTech Center) to support transferring technology out of federal labs and helping local companies commercialize viable products. The Harford County Office of Community & Economic Development provides in-kind facility and utilities support for the DefTech Headquarters housed within the Harford Business Innovation Center, and co-located with other aligned small business resources. Within the network, the CCDC’s role is to develop technologies for potential commercialization and engage prospective DefTech clients. Within CCDC, the U.S. Army Research Lab (ARL); the Command, Control, Computers, Communications, Cyber, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C5ISR, formerly CERDEC) Center; and the Chemical Biological Center (CBC, formerly ECBC) all play key roles in the DefTech partnership. Since it’s 2018 inception, the program has assisted over 100 clients in intellectual property (IP) matchmaking, technology transfer (T2) education and mentorship.

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