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Bowie Business Innovation Center Recognized Among Maryland's Top 5 Largest Business Incubators and Accelerators

Baltimore Business Journal ranks Bowie BIC #5 for the second consecutive year

BOWIE, MD — November 9, 2026 — The Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC) has earned the #5 ranking on the Baltimore Business Journal's 2026 list of Maryland's Largest Incubators and Accelerators, published October 30. This is the second consecutive year at #5 and the organization's third consecutive year among Maryland's top six.

The annual list ranks 25 incubators, accelerators, and coworking organizations by reported membership. Located on Bowie State University's campus, Bowie BIC helps under-resourced and under-capitalized small businesses compete, grow, and scale.

"This recognition reflects our commitment to helping established small businesses in Bowie, Prince George's County, and the state of Maryland become more competitive, access capital, and pursue new business opportunities. We are proud of what our entrepreneurs are achieving and grateful to our Board, staff, and partners for making this work possible," said June Evans, Executive Director of Bowie BIC.

Bowie BIC's programs include the 8(a)+ Accelerator, Center of Excellence for 8(a) Government Contracting, Capital Accelerator, Growth Lab Accelerator, Customer Experience Innovation Lab (CX Lab), and Open Doors Business Advisory Program. In 2026, the Center expanded its 8(a) Accelerator into the 8(a)+ Accelerator to support a broader range of SBA-certified small businesses.

"Bowie BIC's continued recognition among Maryland's top business accelerators reflects the organization's creative leadership, innovative programming, and commitment to driving economic growth," said Jesse Buggs, Chair of the Bowie BIC Board of Directors. "As a Board, we are proud to support an organization that is making a measurable difference in the success of small businesses in the City of Bowie, as well as Prince George's County, and the Washington Metropolitan region. We remain committed to strengthening Bowie BIC's long-term sustainability and expanding its impact for years to come."

Partnerships with Bowie State University, the City of Bowie, financial institutions, and regional economic development organizations strengthen Bowie BIC's reach and connect businesses with expertise, talent, and opportunity.

"Bowie BIC's recognition as one of Maryland's Top 5 Largest Business Incubators and Accelerators is an exciting celebration of what we can accomplish together! At Bowie State University's Entrepreneurship Innovation Center, we know we are only as strong as our

ecosystem, and we are proud to have Bowie BIC as a valued partner right here on campus. Together, we connect our students and faculty with entrepreneurs, mentors, and business leaders; bringing learning to life, helping ideas grow into businesses, and opening doors for the next generation of innovators," said Johnetta Hardy, Founding Executive Director, Entrepreneurship Innovation Center, Bowie State University.

As it looks to 2027, Bowie BIC remains focused on expanding strategic partnerships and delivering measurable economic impact across the communities we serve.

For more information, visit www.bowiebic.com.

About Bowie Business Innovation Center

The Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC), based on Bowie State University's campus, supports under-resourced and under-capitalized small businesses across Bowie, Prince George's County, and the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area through accelerators, expert advising, capital resources, and strategic connections.

About Bowie Business Innovation Center

The Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC) is a business accelerator and expert network serving under-resourced and under-capitalized small businesses in the City of Bowie, Prince George's County, and the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. Located on the campus of Bowie State University, Bowie BIC provides specialized accelerators, advisory services, access to capital resources, and strategic connections to help established small businesses grow, compete, and scale.

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