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**63M-2-202 Technology outreach innovation program.**

- (1) As funding becomes available from the Legislature or other sources, the USTAR governing authority shall establish a technology outreach innovation program, also known as the TOIP, at up to five locations distributed strategically throughout Utah.
- (2) The USTAR governing authority shall ensure that the technology innovation outreach program acts as a resource to:
  - (a) broker ideas, new technologies, and services to entrepreneurs and businesses throughout a defined service area;
  - (b) engage local entrepreneurs and professors at applied technology centers, colleges, and universities by connecting them to Utah's research universities;
  - (c) screen business ideas and new technologies to ensure that the ones with the highest growth potential receive the most targeted services and attention;
  - (d) connect market ideas and technologies in new or existing businesses or industries or in regional colleges and universities with the expertise of Utah's research universities;
  - (e) assist businesses, applied technology centers, colleges, and universities in developing commercial applications for their research; and
  - (f) disseminate and share discoveries and technologies emanating from Utah's research universities to local entrepreneurs, businesses, applied technology centers, colleges, and universities.
- (3) In designing and operating the TOIP, for each TOIP location the USTAR governing authority:
  - (a) may hire a TOIP director;
  - (b) shall establish written performance standards and expectations; and
  - (c) shall require reporting related to those performance standards and expectations on at least an annual basis.
- (4) A TOIP director hired under Subsection (3) shall:
  - (a) be categorized as a schedule AC employee in accordance with Section 67-19-15;
  - (b) report to, and be supervised by, the executive director;
  - (c) ensure the TOIP serves to further the vision and mission of the USTAR initiative; and
  - (d) as directed by the executive director, implement the policies and procedures adopted by the USTAR governing authority.