

# FORT COLLINS

## A Targeted Industry Cluster Profile



Fort Collins thrives as a hotbed of innovation because of the small-town relationships that carry out big-city ideas. The City supports sector partnerships in health care and manufacturing and industry clusters – geographic concentrations of companies and institutions in a particular field – in software/hardware, bioscience, water innovation and clean energy.

The Rockies Venture Club awarded the City Up and Coming Startup City Award for 2016 as an effort to honor cities that “play a critical part in creating a vibrant startup environment.”

More information: [www.fcgov.com/business](http://www.fcgov.com/business).

### What is the NoCo Manufacturing Partnership?

Manufacturing employs about 13,000 people in manufacturing jobs making an average of \$70,000 a year.

The City is a contributing partner in the NoCo Manufacturing Partnership - more than 150 northern Colorado manufacturing companies. The City’s cluster grant funds have helped support more than 1,000 high school tours to manufacturing facilities to increase student awareness of manufacturing careers.

Formed in 2013 to address common issues in the industry and spotlight the important manufacturing work in our region. [www.nocomfg.com](http://www.nocomfg.com).

#### Funding and Technical Assistance:

- Blue Ocean Enterprise Challenge
- NoCo Capital
- CSU’s Infectious Disease Research Center
- CSU’s Animal Cancer Center
- CSU Clean Energy Supercluster Seed Grants
- Rocky Mountain Magnetic Resonance
- Rocky Mountain Regional Biocontainment laboratory
- CDC’s Division of Vector-Borne Diseases
- Medical Center of the Rockies’ Research and Education Foundation
- NoCo Capital / Angels
- Bioscience Discovery Evaluation Grant Program
- Colorado Institute for Drug, Device and Diagnostic Development (CID4)
- Advanced Industries Accelerator Grant Programs
- Imagine H2O

 **WATER**  
20 percent decrease since 2013

 **BIOSCIENCE**  
41% increase since 2013

 **HARDWARE**  
8% increase since 2013

### 2015

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT
SOFTWARE	4500
HARDWARE	3400
BIOSCIENCE	1400
WATER INNOVATION	600
CLEAN ENERGY	2900

### WATER CLUSTER

#### TOP 5 EMPLOYERS:

- Water Pik Inc
- In Situ Inc
- Riverside Technology Inc
- AECOM Technical Services Inc
- DFM Inc

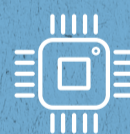
### CLEAN ENERGY

#### TOP 5 EMPLOYERS:

- Woodward Inc
- Advanced Energy Inc
- Platte River Power Authority
- CPP Inc
- Spirae Inc



### SOFTWARE SNAPSHOT



Makes microchips for cell-phones, invested and expanded in Fort Collins over its other microchip facility in Taiwan.



A \$57 million expansion to their 1.2 million-square-foot campus on Ziegler Road, adding a 3-story office building, new warehouse, and testing space.



Agreed to add 227 workers by the end of 2015 as part of City incentive package.



Now employs more than 1,300 employees in Fort Collins.