



## **Grand Opening of 3D Printing and Design Resource for Start-Up Companies in Phoenix**

*PADT and CEI officially open StartUpLabs to provide 3D Printing and design services to high-tech startups. The lab focuses on helping early stage firms meet their product design and 3D Printing needs in a timely, efficient, and cost effective way.*

**PHOENIX - April 21, 2015 - [PRLog](#)** -- Phoenix Analysis & Design Technologies, Inc. (PADT), the Southwest's largest provider of simulation, product development, and 3D Printing services and products, is pleased to announce the grand opening of StartUpLabs, a joint effort with the Center for Entrepreneurial Innovation (CEI). Located in CEI's Phoenix, Arizona facility, the lab features state-of-the-art Additive Manufacturing (3D Printing) systems from Stratasys, leading Computer Aided Design (CAD) tools, and the equipment and space to provide needed services to early stage companies developing physical products.

The official Grand Opening for StartUpLabs was held at CEI on April 20th, 2015 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. However, CEI clients have been utilizing the lab since the beginning of the year, with great success.

"We were approached in 2014 by CEI to help them build up a 3D Printing capability" noted Eric Miller, one of PADT's owners. "As we worked together both sides saw the need for something more than a room full of printers, and PADT StartUpLabs was born. The experience has been fantastic for everyone involved and we feel we are well on the way to providing affordable access to these services that are critical to new product companies."

The mission for StartUpLabs is simple:

*Establish an additive manufacturing and product development lab within CEI to provide the Arizona physical product startup community with high quality 3D Printing and Design resources at an accessible price.*

What makes this lab unique is a combination of a fantastic facility, leading-edge equipment, entrepreneurs that are part of a well-managed program, and experienced engineers to guide the use of the resources being made available. In addition, both CEI and PADT have a particular focus on Medical Device related product development, bringing the experience of both teams to play for this critical and growing part of the Arizona startup community.

"Our mission at CEI is to provide commercialization assistance for job-creating technology entrepreneurs in the Phoenix area," said Jeff Saville, CEI Executive Director. "PADT, with its product development expertise and specific medical device specialties, fills a major role for us in support of our client companies and their growth."

At this time, only CEI Clients have access to discounted services at the lab. Over time the goal is to expand the services offered, furthering the contribution that both PADT and CEI make to the high-tech ecosystem in the state. In addition, PADT uses the impressive facilities at CEI as a central location for meetings with customers and as a location to hold meetings, seminars, and training sessions.

To learn more about the StartUpLabs, visit <http://www.padtinc.com/startuplabs> or contact PADT at 480.813.4884 or CEI at 602.286.8950.

### **About Phoenix Analysis and Design Technologies**

Phoenix Analysis and Design Technologies, Inc. (PADT) is an engineering product and services company that focuses on helping customers who develop physical products by providing Numerical Simulation, Product Development, and Rapid Prototyping solutions. PADT's worldwide reputation for technical excellence and experienced staff is based on its proven record of building long term win-win partnerships with vendors and customers. Since its establishment in 1994, companies have relied on PADT because "We Make Innovation Work." With over 75 employees, PADT services customers from its headquarters at the Arizona State University Research Park in Tempe, Arizona, and from offices in Littleton, Colorado, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Murray, Utah, as well as through staff members located around the country. More information on PADT can be found at <http://www.PADTINC.com>.

### **About CEI**

A division of the Maricopa Corporate College, the Center for Entrepreneurial Innovation (CEI) is a community-based business incubator located on the campus of GateWay Community College in the heart of Discovery Triangle. With funding from the US Economic Development Administration, City of Phoenix, and Maricopa Community College District, CEI provides targeted business services and proactive business support to create a systemic link between technology development, compelling markets, and opportunities; entrepreneurial and managerial talent development; early stage capital sourcing; and education and training, interns, coaching and business counseling. For more about CEI, visit <http://www.ceigateway.com>.

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