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Inventables Announces Winners of Contest For Public Maker Spaces to Win a 3D Carving Machine in Every State in the US

Chicago, IL, June 2, 2014 - Inventables wants every person in the United States to have access to the newest digital manufacturing technology, 3D Carving. To that end, they announced a pilot project on May 12, 2014 to give away one of their Shapeoko 3D Carving machines to a publicly-accessible space in each of the 50 United States, as well as Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico.

“We believe that to ignite the digital manufacturing revolution, we need to provide free access to these important 3D carving tools to as many people as possible.”

The donated machines will be shipped to the winning organizations starting the week of June 16, 2014 and will be set up and ready for public use by mid-July.

3D carving, also known in industry as CNC milling, is a powerful technology capable of creating precision parts and designs from real materials like wood and metal, unlike consumer-grade 3D printers which can only use strands of plastic to create objects.

The machines work with Inventables' free software [Easel](#) to allow anyone to go from idea to making in five minutes without any specialized knowledge or training. Inventables hopes that access to a free machine and free software will help reboot American manufacturing education, and allow people to start their own small-scale manufacturing businesses in the United States.

In addition to libraries, Inventables is partnering with “Hackerspaces” across the united states, which are community gathering places where people with an interest in learning and technology can gather to work on projects while sharing ideas, equipment, and knowledge.

One such Hackerspace that Inventables has partnered with is [ATX Hackerspace in Austin, TX](#). Founded in 2009, ATX Hackerspace has recently added a Startup Incubator program, where members can rent office space to turn the ideas they've been building into small business. There are 12+ small business that have started within the space over the last year since the program was started.

ATX Hackerspace Founder Martin Bogomolni: “Our members openly share their knowledge and expertise on a whole host of subjects and some of those ideas are being turned into viable small businesses in emerging technology fields. It's a very exciting time to have ideas and make real things.”

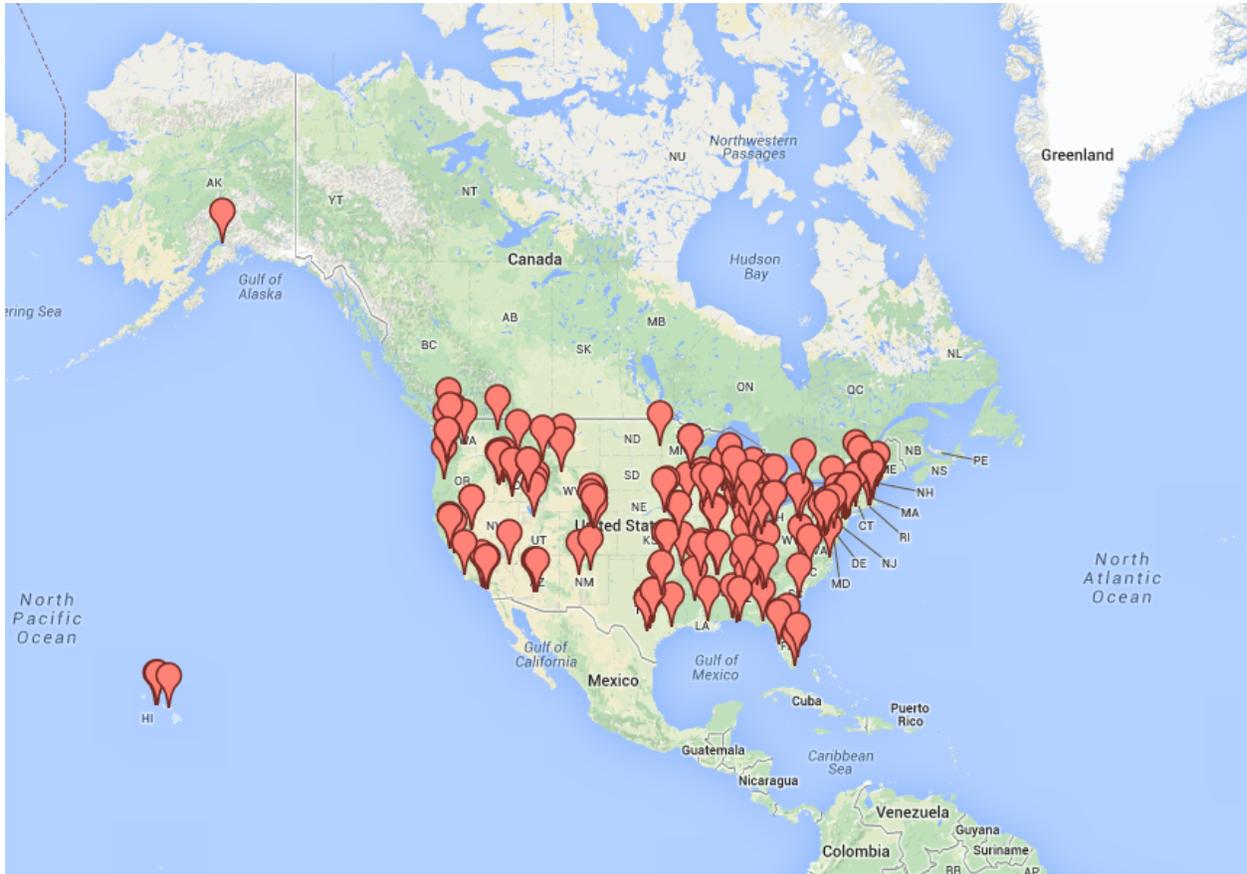
Small businesses that manufacture physical products are a quickly growing sector of the American economy. The Internet of Things and the larger umbrella of Digital Manufacturing are being driven forward by low-cost digital manufacturing tools being more widely available to the general public.

ATX Hackerspace Founder Martin Bogomolni: “At least a dozen small businesses have come out the hackerspace and at least two successful Kickstarter campaigns as well. We're moving away from an era of

mass manufacturing into a time of individual customization and small manufacturing, and hackerspaces are a breeding ground for that kind of innovation.”

Inventables CEO Zach Kaplan: “The majority of net new jobs come from startups and small businesses. These 3D carving machines present the opportunity for America to get back into manufacturing with a business model that makes sense in the new economy.”

Map of all applicants:



List of winners: (contact information for each space is available upon request)

State	Name	Website
Alabama	Mobile Makerspace	http://makerspacemobile.org
Alaska	Anchorage Makerspace	http://www.anchoragemakerspace.com/
Arizona	Heat Sync Labs	http://www.heatsynclabs.org/
Arkansas	The Launch Pad	http://www.arhub.org/
California	Ace Monster Toys	http://acemonstertoys.org/

Colorado	denhac	http://denhac.org/
Connecticut	No response	
Delaware	D Studio	http://www.me.udel.edu/academics/designstudio.html
Florida	Tampa Hackerspace	http://tampahackerspace.com
Georgia	7Hills Makerspace	http://7hillsmake.org/
Hawaii	Maui Makers	http://www.mauimakers.com/
Idaho	East Bonner Public Library	http://ebonnerlibrary.org/
Illinois	LevelUP Youth Makerspace	https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/114539882090928466209
Indiana	The MakerHive	http://www.themakerhive.com
Iowa	The S.T.E.A.M. Room Fab Lab	http://www.thesteamroom.org/
Kansas	Johnson County Library Makerspace	http://jocolibrary.org/templates/JCL_InfoPage.aspx?id=24413&epslanguage=EN
Kentucky	LVL 1 Hackerspace	http://www.lv1.org
Louisiana	East Baton Rouge Public Library	http://ebrpl.libguides.com/make
Maine	Maine Fablab	http://www.mainefablab.org
Maryland	Baltimore Foundery	http://bmorefoundery.com/
Massachusetts	P.irateship	http://p.irateship.com/
Michigan	OmniCorp	http://omnicorpdetroit.com/blog/
Minnesota	The Hack Factory	http://www.tcmaker.org/blog/hack-factory/
Mississippi	No response	
Missouri	Science City at Union Station	http://www.unionstation.org/sciencecity/attractions/maker-studio
Montana	Bozeman Makerspace	http://bozemanmakers.com/
Nebraska	Omaha Maker Group	http://omahamakergroup.org/
Nevada	Bridgewire	http://bridgewire.org/
New Hampshire	Makelt Labs	http://makeitlabs.com/
New Jersey	FUBAR Labs	http://fubarlabs.org/
New Mexico	Quelab	http://quelab.net/wordpress/
New York	Staten Island Makerspace	http://www.simakerspace.com/
North Carolina	Splatspace	http://splatspace.org/

North Dakota	MELD Workshop	http://www.meldworkshop.com/
Ohio	HIVE13	http://www.hive13.org/
Oklahoma	Tulsa City Librarium	http://librarium.tulsalibrary.org/
Oregon	ADX	http://www.adxportland.com/
Pennsylvania	Academy at Palumbo	http://www.klintkanopka.com
Rhode Island	Cranston Public Library	http://cranstonlibrary.org/3dprinting
South Carolina	MakeLab Charleston	http://makelabcharleston.org/
South Dakota	GnomeShop	http://gnomeshop.org/index.html
Tennessee	MidSouth Makers	http://midsouthmakers.org
Texas	10bit Works	http://www.10bitworks.com/
Utah	Cache Makers	http://cachemakers.weebly.com/
Vermont	Burlington Generator	http://www.generatorvermont.com
Virginia	757 Makerspace	http://www.757makerspace.com/
Washington	OlyMega	http://www.olymega.org/
West Virginia	No Response	
Wisconsin	Appleton Makerspace	http://appletonmakerspace.org/
Wyoming	Powell Middle School	http://www.park1.net/Pages/Schools/MiddleSchool.html

About Inventables

Founded in 2002, Inventables' mission is to ignite the digital manufacturing revolution by simplifying the path from idea to finished product. Recognized as the hardware store for designers, Inventables sells desktop manufacturing machines and thousands of materials in small quantities. Small manufacturing businesses purchase raw materials and machines from Inventables' online store daily to use in manufacturing their own products from jewelry to eyeglasses to sell to customers. When a material from the site is needed in a large volume, Inventables assists in making connections to the manufacturer or supplier.

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