

As the South Dakota Technology Business Center's Executive Director, Rich Naser is responsible for developing, marketing and managing the facility and its programs. The mission of the Center is to diversify and expand the regional economy by providing best practices incubator services and networking opportunities to qualified new- and early-stage technology-based companies. Since opening in 2004, the SDTBC's 21 client companies have created nearly 200 new jobs with an average salary exceeding \$50,000, secured \$19 million in investment and grant funding, and hold 10 patents with an additional 9 patents pending.

Rich also serves as the Director of the Forward Sioux Falls Technology Program and has worked with its Chairman, Dave Link, and the FSF Technology Committee since April 1999 to develop and implement a strategy to foster the creation of high-skill, high-wage career opportunities throughout the greater Sioux Falls region.

Rich a native of Fulton, SD, graduated from South Dakota State University in 1991.