The Start Center is envisioned to be a collaboration between public and private entities to increase and sustain economic viability and emphasize business start-ups and entrepreneurial activities.

## FEATURES OF THE START CENTER

Business resource center

Conference rooms

Cantina

Multi-use areas (private and open work areas)

Satellite county services center

Travel and tourism kiosks

Creative space

Outdoor green space

## POTENTIAL CORE OPERATIONS

Office of Small Business Opportunity

Entrepreneurship center

Multi-modal transportation hub

Business community outreach

# OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Certifies and assists small local businesses in Richland County so they can compete in County contracts through:

- Outreach programs
- Certification and compliance
- Financial resources
- Workshops

#### ENTREPRENURSHIP CENTER

Emphasize development of start-ups and entrepreneurial activities such as:

- New business support and development
- Business incubator programs and space
- Co-work center for business collaboration
- "Maker Space" for creative learning

#### MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION HUB

Will provide a central location for multiple modes of transportation, including:

- Light Rail
- Streetcars
- Park-and-ride
- Bus and train depot
- Walking and bike paths

# **BUSINESS COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The Start Center can be used as a space for:

- Business community networking
- Training and development
- Community programs and meetings
- Small conferences

