**West Virginia launches nation’s first incubator dedicated to chemistry** ChemCeption — the nation’s first incubator focused solely on commercializing chemistry-based technology — is now officially open in West Virginia. The new incubator operates from the West Virginia Regional Technology Park in South Charleston.

ChemCeption’s mission is summed up in its tagline ““Bringing Chemistry-Based Technologies to Market.” The incubator serves as an innovation hub for researchers, entrepreneurs, startups, and small companies wanting to market innovative technologies or products involving chemistry, from traditional to green, water to plastics, biotechnology to energy and more.

The ChemCeption project was led by the Chemical Alliance Zone. Strategic partners include TechConnect West Virginia; the Tech Park; Charleston Area Alliance; the Mid-Atlantic Technology, Research & Innovation Center; INNOVA Commercialization Group; West Virginia Small Business Development Center; West Virginia University; Marshall University; the Higher Education Policy Commission; and Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing.