Florida Photonics Cluster

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Catalyst Spaces
Catalyst Spaces Overview.

- Month-to-month flexible workspace
- 40 companies
  - 1 to 12 employees
  - Largest: Tropo – a division of Cisco
- Diverse workspace
  - Tech companies, creative companies, early-stage company service providers
- Catalyst Startup Coalition
- VentureScaleUp
- Events
VentureScaleUp
**VentureScaleUp Accelerator Program.**

- **Intensive 3-month “boot-camp” program**
  - Cohort-based, mentor-driven.
  - Content and mentoring delivered by world-class entrepreneurs who have founded, scaled, and exited companies.
  - Peer support enabled by colocation at Catalyst coworking space
  - One-on-one meetings with Florida angels and early-stage angel and VC funds.
Mentors
Fund Strategy.

• Leverage the Florida startup development and funding gap
  – Significant promising but unfunded startup deal flow from Florida early-stage investors.

• Leverage the VentureScaleUp accelerator mentor-driven program
  – Identify the most promising scaling startups, concentrate missing entrepreneurial resources, invest at low-premoney valuations, and enable startups to mature and raise capital to scale.