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ChicoSTART Embarks on 6th iHub2 Accelerated By Partnership with Glenn Grows

January 16, 2024 - Chico, CA: <u>ChicoSTART</u> is renowned for its commitment to nurturing startups, providing entrepreneurial resources, and fostering innovation to rural communities through the <u>CalOSBA Accelerate CA Inclusive Innovation Hub2 (iHub2)</u>, representing 20+ counties in Northern California.

ChicoSTART announces the embarking of its 6th *Accelerated by* Partnership with Glenn County based Business and Employment Center <u>Glenn Grows</u>. **Glenn Grows** "believes in creating opportunities, providing mentorship and delivering resources for the Glenn County workforce by connecting business communities and suitable working and economic spaces". The center is physically positioned in Orland, CA. This new *Accelerated by* partnership will allow **Glenn County** to not only service budding entrepreneurs, but also provide established businesses opportunities to scale and grow their business. As an *Accelerated by* partner, ChicoSTART will facilitate easy access to business services and resources for Glenn Counties' entrepreneurial community.

Eva Shepherd-Nicoll, Executive Director, ChicoSTART says, "We have been working with Glenn County on their plans for the reopening of Glenn Grows for almost 2 years now. ChicoSTART is thrilled that Glenn is taking the initiative to make the investment in their community for inclusive access and increased capacity to support entrepreneurs and businesses. We will be supporting them with our existing programs, resources and upcoming workshop, both virtually and in person."

"Embracing the synergy between Glenn Grows and ChicoSTART, we're thrilled to announce a pivotal partnership. As we chart the course for Glenn Grows' reopening, ChicoSTART's services will be a cornerstone, amplifying our ability to empower entrepreneurs and businesses. Together, we're poised to unlock new opportunities, blending virtual and in-person engagements for a dynamic collaboration." **Scott De Moss, County Administrative Supervisor, Glenn Grows**

<u>Glenn Grows</u> will host a special event on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. The public and business community are welcome to attend.

Interested in learning how to connect with Glenn Grows? Contact Eva Shepherd-Nicoll at <u>eva@chicostart.com</u> or Scott De Moss at <u>sdemoss@countyofglenn.net</u> and visit <u>https://www.countyofglenn.net/dept/business-services/welcome</u>.



In 2023, ChicoSTART was 1 of 13 designated iHubs awarded the statewide Accelerate CA Inclusive Innovation Hub (iHUB2) grant from CalOSBA. ChicoSTART's iHUB2 designation covers over 20+ counties in Northern California, focusing on building the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem for equitable access to entrepreneurial resources with inclusive ecosystem expansion into our **rural** and **diverse** communities.

About ChicoSTART: ChicoSTART supports and enriches Northern California's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem by providing small businesses, entrepreneurs, and startups with the resources they need to succeed. Our platform includes shared office amenities, mentoring, workshops, internships, tech talks, student-to-business projects, entrepreneurial events, satellite office programs, and anything else that helps our core mission of helping startups succeed. As a GO-BIZ iHub for the Far North, the Chicostart ecosystem includes, but is not limited to, investors, technologists, entrepreneurs, students, educators, local businesses, agencies, and mentors.

About Glenn Grows:

Glenn Grows has been a substantial resource for our community. Glenn Grows believes in creating opportunities, providing mentorship and delivering resources for Glenn County businesses, creating employment in our community and connecting our workforce to careers with a goal of a happy, healthy, productive and prosperous citizenry.