



**Subject:** Supporting the Expansion of Advanced Materials Labs at Bounce Innovation Hub

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for taking a moment to learn more about Bounce Innovation Hub's efforts to upgrade and expand our wet laboratory capacity for startups working in polymers and advanced materials.

At Bounce, we work closely with entrepreneurs who are developing the next generation of materials technologies. As many of you know, these companies require specialized laboratory infrastructure to move from early discovery through validation, prototyping, and eventual commercialization. Expanding our lab capacity will allow us to better support these innovators while strengthening the broader advanced materials ecosystem in Northeast Ohio.

We are currently completing renovations and buildout of upgrade lab space and are **seeking donations of equipment and materials that can support this effort**. Contributions from industry partners allow us to focus our available budget on critical infrastructure improvements while ensuring that startups have access to the tools and environment they need to succeed.

If your organization has **surplus equipment, unused materials, or demo units** that could be repurposed for startup use, the following items would be particularly helpful:

**Lab Infrastructure & Casework**

- 6' fume hoods
- Walk-in fume hoods (1–2 total)
- Basic laboratory cabinets
- Chemical storage cabinets
- PPE storage cabinets
- Adjustable shelving suitable for laboratories
- Phenolic countertops (or other chemical-resistant countertops)
- Lab benches

**Safety & Compliance Equipment**

- Portable emergency showers (in good working condition)
- Eye wash stations that can attach to standard sinks
- Safety and emergency signage
- Drying racks for glassware

**Utilities & Mechanical**

- Double cylinder racks for lab gas storage
- Small under-sink water heating units
- Stainless steel ductwork (12", 24", 36", or 52", unused)
- Overhead electrical cord reels
- Backup power unit for lab



**Building & Facility Materials**

- Hollow metal double doors with frames
- Rubber flooring suitable for labs (unused rolled goods, at least 1,500 square feet)

Donations to Bounce Innovation Hub are **tax deductible**, and we are happy to provide documentation acknowledging the value of donated items.

**Time is of the essence as we work to complete this lab buildout in the coming months**, and we would be grateful to hear from organizations and companies that may be able to contribute equipment or materials.

If you believe your organization may have items that could be helpful, please contact **Elyse Ball at Bounce Innovation Hub** at [eball@bouncehub.org](mailto:eball@bouncehub.org).

Thank you for helping us build the infrastructure that supports the next generation of materials innovators.

With Gratitude,

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