

2008 Entrepreneurial Cities Index

[iLabs](#), the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research, is now conducting the 2008 Entrepreneurial Cities Index.

The [Entrepreneurial Cities Index](#) — eCities — is an annual research study that examines community level factors that influence entrepreneurship, economic development, and job growth. The focus is on entrepreneurship because of its importance to expansion and diversification of regional economies and small businesses' impact on job creation. The study continues to build a body of knowledge about the best practices that communities employ to encourage entrepreneurship and local growth.

At the 2007 eCities Luncheon, the cities of Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills, Troy, and Wixom were recognized for their efforts to encourage entrepreneurship in Southeast Michigan. [Crain's Detroit Business](#) and other business publications have provided significant coverage of the project, and presentations of the study have been made to business leaders and regional organizations.

If you are a local government that wishes to share in the best practices of communities to promote entrepreneurial growth and economic development, you are encouraged to contact Tim Davis at 313.593.4060 or tadavis@umd.umich.edu for more information and a login to include your community in the project.

The Crain's article can be viewed at:

<http://www.craindetroit.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070318/SUB/703160345&SearchID=73275384074163>

The iLabs Homepage is:

<http://www.umdilabs.com>

A Summary of eCities is at:

<http://www.umdilabs.com/casestudies/documents/EntrepreneurialCitiesIndexSum.pdf>

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