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Organization Fact Sheet

Organization Overview	Denver Design Incubator is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Its mission is to provide resources, education and professional development to the local community that will enhance and support a thriving, profitable and sustainable apparel and sewn products industry in Colorado. DDI provides a resource center, shared maker space, mentoring, training and resources to designers, entrepreneurs and established businesses in the sewn products industry.
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History	Denver Design Incubator was founded in Denver in 2009, by a group of individuals who had a passion to see the Denver fashion industry become a place of notice in the USA. Textile Industry Magazine just rated Denver as #5 in the Top Up and Coming Cities for Apparel in the US, and specifically mentioned DDI and Ralph's in that endeavor.
Executive Management	Jack Makovsky - Chairman of the Board and EVP of Ralph's Holli Gibson - Co-Founder, Vice-Chair, Partner at Direct To Source Donna Musciano - Treasurer, Sr. Buyer at Sports Authority (retired) Carol Engel-Enright - Co-Founder, Professor at CSU Lisa Elstun - Co-Founder, Owner of FDC
Organization Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Located in downtown Denver, the program is designed to stimulate economic growth and create new jobs for our community.• The Denver Design Incubator (DDI) is Colorado's first and only fashion design incubator, focused on entrepreneurial education and development to promote turning creative ideas into successful and sustainable businesses.• The DDI is a place of creativity and innovation for designers to build upon an already established fashion and design knowledge base, allowing them to turn their craft into successful business enterprises that can compete on an international level.
Current Organization Services	Workshops: DDI offers an extensive array of workshops, providing members of our community real world training and skills in various fashion and business areas. Shared Maker Space: The organization provides in-house workspace, cutting tables, industrial sewing machines, and other equipment to facilitate prototyping and small run production.

Sourcing Library: The library provides sourcing books with swatches and samples for fabric of all kinds, zippers, elastics, zippers, and other trimmings for local designers and manufacturers. DDI also hosts free sourcing shows when vendors come to town with their lines. The sourcing library includes a local service provider directory, which includes sample makers, cutting facilities, production facilities, screen printers, embroidery, pattern makers, etc. DDI also has domestic sourcing directories for sale.

One-on-One Mentorship: All advisors of the DDI have 20+ years experience working in the industry and all teachers are currently working in the industry at very high levels.

**Future
Organization
Services**

Specialty Production Space: DDI is building an area for specialty production equipment, including a flatlock, merrow, active seam and other specialty industrial equipment to support production runs by design entrepreneurs and our local sewing production community.

Advisory Services Program: DDI is in the planning stages to add expanded advisory services to entrepreneurs and growing businesses. Advisors will work one on one with participants in all aspects of the apparel and sewn products industries at reduced rates to help them grow and expand their knowledge and businesses.
