

VENTURE PILOTS

BUILT WORLD TECH



Built World Tech Venture Pilots

Program Overview
December 2025

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Built World Venture Pilots is a new Edmonton Unlimited (EU) program that is on a mission to accelerate the integration of local innovation into the local economy.

This program will achieve the following:

- Help founders pilot new products with Edmonton-area customers
- Accelerate the adoption of productivity-improving innovations for our corporate community
- Provide funding to execute the projects
- Move quickly, stay focused on founders, and collaborate to achieve results

Technology Focus

The program is for built world technologies, which is a broad field including construction, engineering, infrastructure, materials, and sustainable development technologies.

Target Startups

Edmonton-area founders with ready-to-launch products and investable businesses.

Program Goal

Launch 10 pilots in 2026.

Timeline:

Applications Open:	Dec 2025
Cut Off for 1st Selection Round	Jan 20, 2026
Applications Close (tentative):	June 2026

The program has a rolling timeline with monthly reviews. Reviews will continue until June 30, 2026.

Project Eligibility Criteria

1. **Geographic location:** At least one of either the startup or the customer must be based in Northern Alberta (Red Deer and points North)
2. **Industry Sector:** Technology for the Built World. Broadly defined to include technologies for the construction, engineering, infrastructure, materials, energy, utilities, mining and sustainable development sectors.
3. **Development Stage:** The startup must have a technology that is ready for use in the customer environment in 2026.
4. **Eligible Costs:** Project-related costs to advance the innovation.
5. **Matching Requirements:** No set matching requirements, but preference will be given to pilots with matching contributions.
6. **Founder Commitment:** Startups must be committed to converting their pilot into sales for the company and reporting on their progress.
7. **Optional Coaching:** Founders have the option of working for a pre-set number of hours with a venture advisor.

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