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Incubator offers more space for young firms

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CARLISLE - You don't need a big building to broadcast music over the Internet.

But Mak McKeehan needed more elbow room than his basement could provide, and at a price the 20-year-old entrepreneur could afford.

McKeehan's Mak Radio.com is one of three small businesses that have moved into the newly enlarged Murata Business Center in Carlisle since April.

Officials yesterday cut the ribbon on a 14,000-square-foot expansion of the business center. The \$1.5 million addition doubles the size of the midstate's first -- and only -- incubator for growing small businesses. A second incubator will be opened in September as part of the planned Harrisburg University.

Murata is in a former electronics-component plant that was acquired in 1997 and converted into the incubator by the Capital Region Economic Development Corp.

Businesses like Mak Radio.com can stay in Murata for up to five years. They pay below-market rent and share with other small businesses at Murata access to support services such as administration, office equipment and the Internet.

Murata is home to 11 small businesses. The center could probably house



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another five or six startups, and about 4,000 square feet is still vacant, said Marsha Davis, Murata director.

Mak Radio.com started broadcasting over the Internet a year ago. The company will be able to broadcast two stations live at the same time when it finishes building a new studio at Murata in mid-August.

"The whole industry is only about four years ago, but we're the fastest-growing Internet radio station in history according to Live365.com," a network of Internet radio stations, McKeehan said. "In the next five to seven years, Internet radio will be available in your car, your cell phone and on your personal data assistant."

Just down the hall is another Internet-based business, TastyCDs.com. The company buys new and used music compact discs in large volumes from stores.

"We have high-tech robotics that get rid of the scratches," said Shane Thomas, co-owner. The CDs are then repackaged and resold by TastyCDs.com over the Internet.

The company also has launched its own line of clothing to be sold on the Web.

Thomas and partner Stacy Hall started the business in the basement of Thomas' house in Harrisburg in February 2003.

"My mortgage is less than this rent. It's reasonable, but it's not cheap," Thomas said.

To him, the biggest benefit is "the synergy of working with seven other small businesses all at the same stage we are."


The third business new to Murata is cast in a slightly different mold. Tex Visions is the first U.S.-based sales office of a textile-printing company that makes decorative flags and banners in the former East Germany. The company started in 1991 after the reunification of East and West Germany, said Marcel Ruhland, president.

Davis hopes Tex Vision's U.S. sales grow to the point the parent company must build a manufacturing plant on this side of the Atlantic that will bring new jobs to the midstate.

Murata doesn't have a waiting list for the additional space, but Davis thinks it soon will once word of the expansion gets out. The business center has four more acres on which it can continue to grow.

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