

The Ion Welcomes ExxonMobil as a Founding Partner

June 13, 2022 - HOUSTON - [The Ion](#), Houston's innovation hub, announces ExxonMobil has joined as a Founding Partner to curate programming to advance the energy transition and create Houston's workforce of tomorrow. The collaboration is effective immediately and was celebrated at the kick-off of the Ion's Activation Festival.

"ExxonMobil has been a leader in energy technology for over a century. Collaboration is essential to both augment our capabilities and accelerate the development of scalable solutions," said Linda DuCharme, president of ExxonMobil Technology and Engineering Company. "Our partnership with The Ion will enable us to tap into the extraordinary talent in Houston."

ExxonMobil is working with the Ion to share best innovation and research practices to support the Ion's mission as a global technology hub and further empower local entrepreneurs and Houston's workforce. ExxonMobil plans to leverage the Ion's innovation ecosystem, partner and academic network, which has relationships with ten-plus local schools and universities, to help develop solutions for the world's emerging energy issues. Long-term, this work will contribute to the overall growth of emerging technologies and innovation in Houston.

"To have one of the strongest brands in oil and gas globally join us is a testament to the Ion's momentum and mission," said Jan E. Odegard, executive director, Ion. "We're thrilled to welcome ExxonMobil's thought leaders and this caliber of mindshare to the Ion family. As the Ion expands its programming and footprint, we are confident in the impact we'll create together."

The Ion is the anchor of the 16-acre transformational, mixed-use development in Houston's [Ion District](#). The Ion's other Founding Partners are [Aramco](#), [Chevron Technology Ventures](#), [Baker Botts](#), and [Microsoft](#) and Affiliate Partners [bp](#) and [Intel](#).

About the Ion: The Ion anchors a 16-acre innovation district, the epicenter for Houston's innovation ecosystem, as an inclusive, dynamic, vibrant, and dense hub focusing on quality collaborations between entrepreneurs, incubators, accelerators, corporations, academics, and the Houston community. The 266,000-square-foot building accommodates multiple uses, including class-A office space, shared workspace, prototyping and maker resources, event space, classrooms, food and beverage offerings, as well as indoor/outdoor communal areas with shared amenities. For more information, please visit ionhouston.com.