

Entrepreneur's Playbook:

Tech Startups & Venture Capital in NM



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Doug is a tech entrepreneur who has moved back to his native Albuquerque and is focused on building the New Mexico innovation economy. He is the founder and former CEO of Solid Power, a Louisville, Colorado-based company that develops all solid-state, high-energy and safe rechargeable batteries for the electric vehicle market. He previously co-founded and was CEO of Roccor (Ro-core), LLC, which specializes in innovative, high-performance, deployable structures and thermal management solutions for satellite and terrestrial military and commercial markets.

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Chris Cassidy
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Chris Cassidy is the Director of Private Equity and Venture Capital at the New Mexico State Investment Council, the state's sovereign wealth fund. His career at the SIC has focused on enhancing the state's investment strategies to benefit economic growth and innovation. Prior to the NMSIC, Chris was an executive at Glencore International AG and an investment banker in the Financial Sponsors Group at Lehman Brothers. Chris graduated summa cum laude from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.



Adam Hammer

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Adam Hammer is the Co-Founder and CEO of Roadrunner Venture Studios. He brings experience building, scaling, and investing in disruptive companies at all stages. He most recently served as Chief Operating Officer at Qrypt, a post-quantum encryption and quantum hardware company. There, he oversaw all product, management and strategy for the organization.

Previously, Adam served as Managing Director and Head of Strategy at Schmidt Futures, a venture facility for public benefit started by former CEO of Google Eric Schmidt.

Adam is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Yale University. He and his wife Hannah currently reside in Albuquerque. Adam currently is an Executive Counselor to Schmidt Futures, an Advisor at America's Frontier Fund, an Advisor to the Software in Defense Coalition, and an Industry Commissioner at the Atlantic Council's Commission on Defense Innovation Adoption.



Ward Hendon

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Ward is a co-founder and general partner at Dangerous Ventures, a seed-stage venture capital firm with offices in Santa Fe, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Dangerous backs founders building a more resilient future for people and the planet.

Prior to Dangerous Ventures, Ward was a member of the founding team of Axiom Law. Axiom is the world's largest and fastest growing provider of tech-enabled legal services. He is a board member of New Mexico's Climate Investment Center, the first Green Bank in New Mexico.

Ward graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC-Chapel Hill Law School. He then clerked for the Hon. Wm. L. Osteen, Sr. (United States District Court for MDNC) before practicing law for two years at King & Spalding LLP in Atlanta.

He lives in Santa Fe, NM with his wife and 3 children.



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