



**Brian Abraham, Executive Director  
Spartan Innovations**

**Brian Abraham** is executive director of Spartan Innovations focusing on creating new ventures from Michigan State University intellectual property.

He oversees all aspects of Spartan Innovations from formation and infrastructure development to exit strategies for new ventures created.

He's considered a "serial entrepreneur" with experience in university technology transfer. He boasts more than 20 years of experience in founding and leading successful businesses. Those include high-technology/defense, financial, medical device, transportation, environmental and natural resource companies.

Abraham comes to MSU from ProteQ, a Minnesota-based defense technology company where he was CEO. Prior to that, he ran Bluefin Robotics, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology-affiliated robotic submarine company. He also was director of technology development for Columbus, Ohio-based Battelle, the world's largest independent research and development organization.

In addition to his industry experience, Dr. Abraham has taught entrepreneurship as an adjunct faculty member at Michigan State University, Babson College and The Ohio State University.

He earned a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Tufts University and a Masters in Business Administration from Babson College.

Spartan Innovations was formed to support sustainable MSU start-ups as a component of the MSU Innovation Center, adjacent to campus at 325 East Grand River Avenue in East Lansing. There, it joins MSU Technologies, the university's technology transfer office, and Business-CONNECT, MSU's business relationship portal.

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