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2 Austin tech incubators to move into downtown offices



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TechStars LLC and DreamIt Ventures have moved out of the Capital Factory to more conventional office spaces.

TechStars is scheduled to relocate to a Congress Avenue office that previously housed software maker Spredfast Inc. in February. [Earlier this month, DreamIt relocated](#) to 504 Lavaca St.

Colorado-based TechStars, which opened its local office last year, expected to move out of the Capital Factory after getting acclimated to Austin, Director [Jason Seats](#) said Thursday.

“We planned to sublet while figuring out the landscape and what worked for us,” he said. “It was pretty opportunistic.”

TechStars, a business incubator established in 2006 by four entrepreneurs, received 850 applications for its first Austin incubation program. It provides each startup with \$18,000 in seed funding for a 6 percent ownership stake.

In late October, [TechStars drew 750 attendees](#) including 250 investors to its first-ever Austin demo day that included 10 startups at the Austin Music Hall. In February, it plans to

begin accepting applications for its next class of 10 startups. That class would operate from June through September, Seats said.

Philadelphia-based DreamIt, which has launched 127 companies since it was established in 2008, is working with nine startups in its latest class. A demo day is scheduled for April, Managing [Partner Kerry Rupp](#) said.