

## **APEX Companies LLC**

Like most Enterprise Center tenants, the APEX staff at the Energy Capital Enterprise Center was once a start-up business called CBM Associates (CBMA). But its rapid growth and success attracted the attention of a large national company, and in 2015 it became part of [Apex Companies LLC](#).



CBMA was formed in 1999 during the coal bed methane boom. At its height, it had more than 100 employees in Laramie, Grand Junction and Gillette. With the decline in coal and methane, the local office is down to six employees, but Kevin Anders, Senior Engineer, expects that number to increase if natural gas prices rise.

Apex has about 800 employees nationwide and is an award-winning water resources, environmental services and industrial hygiene firm. Kevin said the local office primarily does water management work for oil and gas clients. This involves obtaining discharge permits, doing sampling, and developing storm water pollution prevention plans (SWPPP) and spill prevention control and counter measure plans (SPCC).

The local Apex office has remained at the Enterprise Center even beyond its start-up phase because of the history of the property. The Enterprise Center property, with an existing studio building, was purchased in 2002 by Overland Investments, which was formed by the CBMA partners. Overland Investments built the main building on the property in 2004, and Kevin worked on its design. The following year, the shop building was constructed.

"Sinclair Street used to dead end into the driveway," Kevin recalls. "Once the college was built, the road was completed, which made it a lot easier to access."

CBMA, which changed its name to InterTech in 2007, used the property as its Gillette headquarters until it became part of Apex. It then sold the property to Energy Capital Economic Development, and Apex moved into the shop and studio buildings as a tenant. The Enterprise Center incubator now occupies the main building.

Apex's presence on the property serves as an inspiration to the start-up companies who are tenants in the building. It's an example of how a start-up business can become successful.