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Overseas companies operating in the County include, Alkermes Plc. formerly Elan (pharmaceutical), Innocoll Technologies (R&D and manufacturing centre), Athlone Laboratories (antibiotic medicine products), Harmac Medical (medical device sub-contractor) based in Castlerea, Colour Communications (colour merchandising and colour sample tools) and Advanced Couplings (manufacture of tube, pipe and stainless steel connections).

The Midlands Gateway consisting of Athlone, Mullingar and Tullamore has over 5,110 people permanently employed in IDA companies.

It has a network of IDA developed quality Business Parks with the necessary telecommunications, utilities infrastructure and buildings/site options to cater for the needs of multinational clients.

The centrality of the Midlands offers companies an excellent array of high quality property options, growing population base, proactive Third Level Institution and an established track record in attracting investments across industry sectors.

IDA's Business Park in Roscommon town provides property solutions for overseas clients with the necessary utility infrastructure in place including broadband connectivity.

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Enterprise Ireland has supported a range of enterprise centres in the county, in Roscommon Town, Ballaghaderreen, Castlerea and Boyle. Roscommon has eight incubation units, Castlerea has 30,000 sq foot of factory and office space, Ballaghaderreen has light industrial units and incubator offices. Boyle Chamber of Commerce will shortly develop similar type facilities. Details of these are available on the Roscommon County Council website www.roscommoncoco.ie.

There are 36 Enterprise Ireland Companies in Roscommon in medical sub supply, food, timber, furniture, pharma etc. Go to www.enterpriseireland.ie for further details.

County Enterprise Board

The county is very supportive of small start up enterprise and encourages this as the type of employment that fits well with our rural and agricultural population.

Roscommon CEB has over 200 small businesses being supported in the county.

Some services and supports available through Roscommon CEB are:

- **Priming Grants** (for businesses trading less than 18 months) of 50% of eligible investment cost up to €80,000.
- **Business Expansion Grants** (for businesses trading more than 18 months) of 50% of eligible investment costs up to €80,000.
- **Feasibility/Innovation Grants** assist the promoter with researching market demand for a product or service and examining it's sustainability - 60% of the investment or €20,000 whichever is the lesser. It includes assistance with innovation including specific consultancy requirements, hiring of expertise from third level colleges, private specialists, design, patent costs and prototype.

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