

## **Bosch Community Fund Awards \$75,000 to SC STEM Collaboratives**

The Bosch Community Fund, Robert Bosch LLC's U.S.-based foundation, has awarded \$75,000 to South Carolina's Coalition for Mathematics and Science (SCCMS) as part of a five-year commitment to promote community awareness and engagement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education activities through the Coalition's Lowcountry and Upstate STEM Collaboratives.

The Lowcountry STEM Collaborative, building off the success of the recent Charleston STEM Fest, <http://charlestonstemfest.org/> promises an expanded impact across the region in the coming year. Collaborative Director, Darren Prevost says of the newly formed partnership with Bosch, "This generous support will allow the Lowcountry Collaborative to achieve our goal of elevating the visibility and understanding of STEM in the Lowcountry as a way to meet our economic needs."

Dr. Nan Dempsey, Director of the Upstate STEM Collaborative, is working with Bosch and other partners on a multi-pronged approach to inspire and engage the community. Dr. Dempsey sees the partnership with Bosch as "an opportunity to positively impact students, the community, the culture, and the future economic success of the Upstate and South Carolina."

According to Berend Bracht, president and CEO of Bosch Rexroth and chairman of the Bosch Community Fund: "Providing youth with a strong education in science, technology, engineering and math creates a solid foundation that will help ensure a strong economy, both here in South Carolina and in this country. We need to provide an environment where students can learn – and thrive – in these critically important areas and that is the focus of SCCMS. By supporting teachers and parents with the latest information about STEM, collectively we can create environments where students can be challenged and successful, which of course, is the joy of learning. This joy of learning translates into good-paying jobs and rewarding careers."

True to the tradition of its founder Robert Bosch, the Bosch group demonstrates a high level of corporate social responsibility – both at the company and across the state of South Carolina. For further information about the Bosch Community Fund see: <http://www.bosch-press.com/tbwebdb/bosch-usa/en-US/PressText.cfm?CFID=707&CFTOKEN=714c9f97d9380b9-9964A3F4-B5A3-413F-9367DE1036D275FA&nh=00&Search=0&id=474>

### **About South Carolina's Coalition for Mathematics and Science**

Founded in 2005, South Carolina's Coalition for Mathematics and Science serves as an active proponent for economic and workforce development through STEM education by forming advocacy networks, fostering collaborative partnerships, securing funding and promoting public policy at the state and national level. SCCMS is the managing partner of both the Upstate and Lowcountry STEM Collaboratives. See <http://www.sccoalition.org>

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### **About the Bosch Community Fund:**

The Bosch Community Fund, a U.S.-based foundation established in September 2011, awards up to \$3 million annually in grants to various 501(c)(3) organizations and educational institutions. The BCF focuses primarily on the enrichment of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education and the advancement of environmental sustainability initiatives.