



GOVERNOR'S STEM ADVISORY COUNCIL

dedicated to building a strong STEM education foundation for all Iowans

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Business and industry invest in Iowa STEM Council with \$360,000

Funding will support expansion of successful STEM programs and events in Iowa communities

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa – Business and industry investment in the Iowa Governor's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Advisory Council continues to grow in year six of the effort.

In just the last six months, STEM Council Corporate Partners have contributed more than \$360,000 that will support STEM programs and events for thousands of youth and educators across Iowa, including the expansion of the STEM Scale-Up Program, STEM BEST Partnerships and Iowa STEM Teacher Externships.

"More young Iowans will enjoy great STEM learning experiences in schools and informal settings through the STEM Scale-Up Program," said Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, STEM Council co-chair. "Last year's Iowa STEM evaluation report showed that students who participate in these programs do better on standardized mathematics, science and reading tests; and are more interested in pursuing a STEM career here in Iowa. The STEM Council's mission is to prepare the next generation of innovators for Iowa employers, and we are genuinely grateful for their continued support in expanding the reach of these successful STEM programs."

Some of these partners who have contributed since July 2016 include Alliant Energy, City of Des Moines, DuPont Pioneer, Google, ITC Holdings Corporation, Kemin Industries, MidAmerican Energy Company, Principal Financial, Rockwell Collins, Verizon and the University of Iowa Community Credit Union. Companies statewide along with the Iowa Legislature's vital support form a unique, public-private partnership that leverages precious state dollars for broader impact.

"In order to thrive, Iowa businesses must have a well-educated, skilled talent pipeline from which to recruit," said Kemin Industries President and CEO Dr. Chris Nelson, STEM Council co-chair. "It is encouraging to see a steady increase in the number of Iowa workplaces who are partnering with the STEM programs as they recognize how vital these are."

To view a full list of the STEM Council's Corporate Partners, please visit www.IowaSTEM.gov/Corporate-Partners.

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About the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council

Established in July 2011 via Governor's Executive Order, the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is a public-private partnership of educators, companies and Iowa students and families addressing policies and programs designed to improve Iowa's educational system focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The STEM Council works to engage and prepare students for a career-ready workforce path, regain the state's historic leadership position in education and provide a vital competitive economic advantage now, and for the future, to ensure that every Iowa student has access to world-class STEM education opportunities. The 47-member STEM Council is chaired by Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds and Kemin Industries President and CEO Dr. Chris Nelson. For more information, visit www.IowaSTEM.gov.