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Alabama STEM Council Announces Recipients of STEM Learning Ecosystem Design Incentives

Birmingham, AL – The Alabama STEM Council, in collaboration with the Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM (TIES), is excited to announce the STEM Learning Ecosystem Design Incentives (SLEDI) recipients. This initiative is part of a broader effort to enhance STEM education and workforce development across Alabama.

The SLEDI phase is a crucial component of the Alabama STEM Learning Ecosystems' three-phase incentive process aimed at creating a sustainable and thriving economic future for Alabama through robust STEM education and partnerships.

Following a thorough review process involving reports and applications from 23 previously funded STEM Learning Ecosystem Planning Incentive (SLEPI) recipients, 19 ecosystems have been selected to receive SLEDI funding. These ecosystems will now enter the design phase, aimed at developing strategic plans to bolster STEM learning and workforce development in their respective regions.

SLEDI Recipients:

- 1. HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology**
- 2. Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama (BGCNAL)**
- 3. Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement, Inc. (SAFE)**
- 4. Oxford City Schools**
- 5. ALAGO**
- 6. Greensboro Middle School**
- 7. Tuscaloosa City Schools**
- 8. The University of West Alabama**
- 9. College Admissions Made Possible (CAMP)**
- 10. Lawson State Community College**
- 11. McWane Science Center**
- 12. Dallas County System of Services**
- 13. Alabama Expanded Learning Alliance**
- 14. Auburn University**
- 15. The George Joseph and Susie Ezzell Atta Memorial Library Inc, "The ATTA"**

SCIENCE

TECHNOLOGY

ENGINEERING

MATHEMATICS



16. STEAMCAMP, LLC, DBA "STEAMCamp for Kids"
17. St. Luke's Episcopal School

Funding for Existing Alabama Regional STEM Learning Ecosystems:

1. **NCAL STEM Learning Ecosystem** - Anchor Organization: Wallace State Community College
2. **I-85 STEM Learning Ecosystem** - Anchor Organization: TechMGM

The recipients were selected based on their demonstrated ability to meet the SLEDI criteria and their commitment to advancing STEM education. The funding will support these ecosystems in designing effective STEM programs that address local educational and workforce needs.

Final Steps: On June 26, 2024, all applicants were notified of their status. Successful applicants were provided with next steps, while those not selected for the SLEDI phase were invited to discuss alternative funding opportunities with the Alabama STEM Council.

The Alabama STEM Council and TIES will continue to engage with these ecosystems, providing support and resources to ensure the success of their initiatives. The Council will also launch media and outreach efforts to highlight the impact of SLEDI funding and promote the achievements of the recipients.

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About the Alabama STEM Council: The Alabama STEM Council is dedicated to fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in Alabama through strategic partnerships and impactful STEM education programs. By connecting industry, education, government, and community stakeholders, the Council aims to prepare Alabama's workforce for the demands of the future.