



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
Principals  
School District Public Information Officers

**FROM:** Molly M. Spearman  
State Superintendent of Education

**DATE:** December 31, 2015

**RE:** Gateway Academy STEM/Engineering Summer Camp Grant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2016 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Gateway Academy STEM/Engineering Summer Camp grant is now available online. Up to \$54,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **January 29, 2016**.

The SCDE will award funds to any of South Carolina's public middle schools that offer the Gateway to Technology (GTT) curriculum and feeds into a high school that offers the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Pathway to Engineering curriculum. The purpose of the Gateway Academy STEM/Engineering Summer Camp program is to offer a hands-on, project-based camp designed to introduce middle school students to the fundamentals of science, technology, engineering, and manufacturing; to recruit them into the PLTW GTT course work at the middle school level; and to enroll them in the Pathway to Engineering curriculum at the high school level.

Technical assistance to applicants will be provided upon request during December 2015 and January 2016.

Visit the [SCDE Grant Opportunities page](#) for updated information on grants, eligibility, application deadlines, and technical assistance. For more information about this Gateway Academy program or to schedule technical assistance, contact B.T. Martin at (803) 734-3398, [btmartin@ed.sc.gov](mailto:btmartin@ed.sc.gov) or Steven Watterson at (803) 734-8267, [swatterson@ed.sc.gov](mailto:swatterson@ed.sc.gov).