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#### Knowledge Economy Infrastructure Hydrogen Fuel Cell Backup Power System Installed for City of Columbia

As part of the 2009 [Greater Columbia Fuel Cell Challenge](#), Dantherm Power Inc. has installed their first U.S. fuel cell based backup power system for radio towers in the City of Columbia.

This clean and green solution will ensure that the City's radio network is always available to serve city employees even in the event of loss of electric utility power.

#### Coupling Sustained Investments in Innovation with Entrepreneurship

After the inauguration, President Obama

acknowledged that "the entrepreneurial spirit that is the key to our competitiveness" needs to be nurtured. He noted that the answers to our current

economic problems "exist in our laboratories and our universities, in our fields and our factories, in the imaginations of our entrepreneurs and the pride of the hardest-working people on Earth."



Investments in science and technology foster innovation which leads to positive economic growth. And, entrepreneurs are the ones who can take innovations to the market and foster high wage job creation.

The new Administration understands that



Dantherm Power Inc. was recently created as the North American headquarters (in Spartanburg SC) and wholly owned subsidiary of [Dantherm Air Handling A/S](#) located in Skive, Denmark. Dantherm Power Inc. focuses on the commercial development of fuel cell technology for customers in the telecom, information technology and government markets to meet their backup power needs. The company has plans to convert two additional radio tower sites in Columbia to fuel cell systems later this year.

### New Carolina Conversation on HIGH IMPACT Entrepreneurship



New Carolina - South Carolina's Council on Competitiveness, hosted its second annual Conversation on entrepreneurship on April 23rd.

A group of 100 leaders from state and regional organizations dedicated to promoting entrepreneurship in South Carolina met to discuss how to build stronger statewide partnerships to enhance existing entrepreneurship initiatives.

The keynote speaker was Erik Pages, President of EntreWorks Consulting, an economic development consulting and policy development firm focused on helping communities and organizations achieve their entrepreneurial potential.

sustained investments in innovation with entrepreneurship is the economic tool to increase our competitiveness and improve our quality of life.

Within the first 100 days of office, the new Administration has been able to take some steps in stimulating innovation and new entrepreneurship despite the major distraction of the economic crisis.

To read a brief update of the First 100 Days, click [here](#).

### Companies on the FastTrac Congratulations Graduates!

A local group of entrepreneurs recently completed a critical step in the realization of their dreams by successfully graduating from the FastTrac program.



The following participants received their Entrepreneurial Certificates on April 14th:

- Tammy Davis, *Bluebird Property Management*
- Gwen Pueblo, *Designer Engineer*
- Rozalyn Franklin, *Realtor*
- Stacy Jennings, *Poetically Divine Inspirations*
- Tyrone Hutchinson, *Hair Barber/Stylist*
- Theodore "Tee" Scott, *MobiliTree Car & Power Wash*
- Jan & Roy Goslee, *The Med Manager*
- Tiger Wells, *Auto Care*
- Mike Switzer, *2009 New Ideas for a New Carolina Winner*
- Mary Gilkerson, *Mary Bentz Gilkerson Gallery*

Congratulations graduates!

If you've got an idea and want to learn how to turn it into a business, enroll in a FastTrac program today! The next local class is FastTrac New Venture which starts on July 7th. For more information, visit [www.fasttracsc.org](http://www.fasttracsc.org).

"South Carolina is making smart choices in establishing initiatives and providing the resources needed to create and grow more entrepreneurial firms," Pages said. "It is clear from this meeting that South Carolina is now prepared to take this effort to the next level by building a network of organizations that are ready to work together. A key lesson from successful regional entrepreneurship programs in the U.S. and overseas is, 'collaboration works.'"

To read more about the conference proceedings and some of the action items set forth, visit the New Carolina website at [www.newcarolina.org](http://www.newcarolina.org).

## South Carolina Is Becoming A Hub for Bioengineering

The South Carolina Bioengineering Symposium was held in Columbia last week and attracted several hundred researchers and representatives from state and national academic, government, industrial and funding organizations.



The symposium showcased South Carolina's potential in becoming a hub for scientific research that develops techniques for generating hearts, kidneys and other organs in the laboratory in order to repair or replace diseased or damaged organs in humans. This field of research, called regenerative medicine, is part of the larger field of bioengineering.

The symposium also demonstrated that the Centers of Economic Excellence Program is helping to build statewide expertise in regenerative medicine and related fields as evident by presentations from two endowed chairs in Regenerative Medicine.

Read more about the one-and-a-half day Bioengineering Symposium [here](#).

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