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### CoEE Program Boosting South Carolina's Economy



The [Centers of Economic Excellence \(CoEE\) Program](#) recently released its fiscal year (2009) annual report that showed that the program is succeeding at jumpstarting South Carolina's economy and creating high-paying jobs.

The program has brought more than one-quarter billion dollars in non-state investment into the state's economy and has led to the creation of 3,200 new jobs, most of which are high paying, knowledge-based economy positions.

### Job Creation? Look to Entrepreneurs



Did you know that most job creation in the U.S. since 1980 has been from start-up firms? Did you know that more than half of the 2009 Fortune 500 companies were launched during a recession or bear market?

Early this month, the White House convened top business and thought leaders to

To read more about the program accomplishments and some exciting developments at the state's research universities, [click here](#) or read the entire FY 2009 [CoEE Annual Report](#).

### Trulite Delivers the FCS-300 Power Generation System

[Trulite, Inc.](#), a leading developer and manufacturer of portable and semi-portable hybrid power generators, recently announced the completion of the FCS-300 Fuel Cell Power Generator.



The [FCS-300](#) produces 300 watts of continuous power and 400 watts peak power. The unit is lightweight, quite safe, and clean. The only emissions are heat and water that is internally recycled.

Interested in working in the fuel cell industry? Trulite is currently looking for people to work at its pilot manufacturing facility at the Midlands Technical College Enterprise Campus. [Check it out](#).

### New Entrepreneurs and New Companies Launch into the Community

[FastTrac SC](#) is celebrating its 1000th graduate on January 28th. FastTrac is a comprehensive entrepreneurship-educational program, and FastTrac SC supports the program in cities across the state.



The [USC Columbia Technology Incubator](#) recently recognized its ninth graduating group of

companies. The four graduating companies - Ard's Container Service, Intervivos, Spectrum Medical, and Urban Media - join 23 other graduates from the past nine years.

brainstorm how the country might generate much-needed jobs. The answer is that entrepreneurs, not the leaders of the biggest companies in the nation, will put Americans back on the payroll.

So, how can we create an entrepreneur driven economic recovery?

1. Provide further access to capital
2. Welcome immigrants who are job generators
3. Match funds for early investors

For the complete commentary, [click here](#).

### Vote for Columbia As a City That Rocks!



Every year [Kiplinger](#) picks the ten best cities in the U.S. in which to live and work. They look for places with strong economies,

reasonable living costs, and plenty of fun things to do.

This year, Kiplinger is taking a poll and asking people to vote for their favorite city. Columbia is currently ranked 12th in the poll. So, [click here](#) and vote for Columbia as the city that rocks the most! You can vote once a day, so vote often and forward the link to others.

### Join Us At Science Cafe on January 20th!

Interested in learning about the mysteries of the universe?

Make plans now to attend the January Science Cafe. Dr. Varsha Kulkarni will talk about her research on quasars, distant galaxies, and intergalactic matter.



**Congratulations to all!**

**Be on the look out for more event details in  
January!**

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