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Please take a few moments to read the latest news from Columbia's Knowledge Economy. If you have knowledge economy news to share, we want to know. Send your comments and feedback to info@engenuitysc.com.

SCRA USC Innovation Center Ground Breaking February 12th - You're Invited



As a fan of the knowledge economy, you are invited to celebrate this significant milestone for growing the knowledge economy in Columbia.

Please join us on February 12th for the [SCRA USC Innovation Center](#) Ground Breaking Ceremony.

When: February 12th at 4p.m.
Where: 1000 Catawba Street ([map](#))
RSVP: [Jill Hirsekorn](#)
Speakers include:

Creating Young Professional Networks for Talent Attraction & Retention

Columbia Talent Magnet

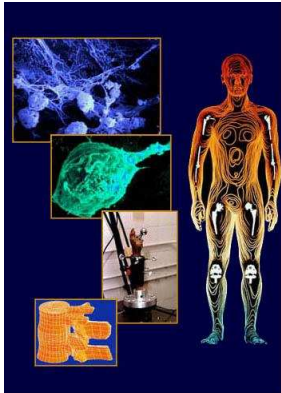
Tune in on February 18th to the International Economic Development Council's webinar on creating young professional networks and connecting those networks to economic development.

EngenuitySC is one of the featured speakers on the webinar and will lead a discussion on how to create a talent powered economy.

Round up your co-workers, reserve your conference room, and sign up for the webinar now. Click [here](#) to register.

-Mayor Robert D. Coble, City of Columbia
-Dr. Harris Pastides, USC President
-Bill Mahoney, SCRA CEO

Health Economy Advancement Legacy for SC - Be a Part of HEAL SC!



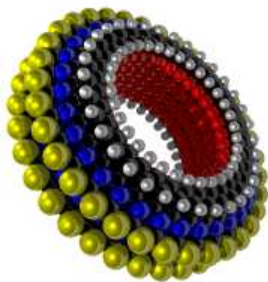
[Health Sciences South Carolina](#) is hosting the state's biggest health sciences economic development event March 2-3 in Columbia. The event is called HEAL SC and is designed as an interactive forum to heighten awareness of the exciting research taking place in South Carolina.

The purpose of HEAL SC is to connect biomedical researchers, entrepreneurs, investors, business leaders, lawmakers, and university tech transfer officers and introduce investment and business start-up opportunities within the health sciences.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

The Past, Present & Future of Nanotechnology - Join the Discussion!

In February 1960, Caltech magazine published Richard P. Feynman's "[Plenty of Room at the Bottom](#)" that introduced the concept of nanotechnology.



The [USC NanoCenter](#) and [South Carolina Honors College](#) are hosting a symposium February 12-13th to discuss the field of nanotechnology during the past fifty years.

For more information about the program, contact [Chris Toumey](#).

The Economic Power of University Spin-offs

Did you know that in 2007 more than 550 companies spun out and more than 650 products made it to market from universities nationwide?



University-developed innovations are creating high-paying jobs and offer an opportunity to solve the current job crisis. The key to creating new companies and new jobs around laboratory innovations is avoiding bottlenecks in the commercialization process.

To speed up the commercialization process, the [Kauffman Foundation](#) proposes creating an open, competitive licensing system for university technology.

What do you think? Read more about Kauffman's idea [here](#).

Looking for an Intern? Meet the CIP!



The University of South Carolina Career Center is hosting a kickoff reception for the Community Internship Program (CIP) on Monday, February 15th from 5-

6pm.

The CIP will help your company find an intern and even help pick up the tab. To learn more, [sign up](#) to attend the opening reception.

Science Cafe - February 17th

Join us on February 17th at Za's for a discussion with "Bio Joe" on the technologies and activities of [Midlands Biofuels](#) in the biofuels industry.



For more event details and to sign up to attend, click [here](#).

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