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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.

You're Either a Geek, Teach a Geek, or Manage a Geek - POSSCON 2010



The third annual [Palmetto Open Source Software Conference \(POSSCON\)](#) is happening in Columbia April 15-17th at the Columbia Convention Center.

POSSCON brings together experts in open source software, top information technology executives, innovative developers and educators teaching the latest technology. Open source software is one of the most exciting and relevant topics in IT today.

Interested in getting involved? Click [here](#) for more information.

Startup Tour Looking for Best Startups in America - It Could Be You!



Robert X. Cringely, author of the technology blog "[I Cringely](#)," has launched a plan to restart the economy called, "[Cringely's \(NOT in Silicon Valley\) Startup Tour](#)." People are invited to nominate startup companies in six different categories, discuss them, and vote for favorites.

Cringely will announce the top 24 companies in about six weeks. He will then take the show on the road this summer, with a camera crew, to visit all 24 companies to learn about the businesses and the entrepreneurs who started them. Ultimately, the stories will become a 12-hour reality TV series to be broadcast on a major cable network.

Have a nomination? Click [here](#).

ThinkColumbiaSC: Promoting the Cool in Columbia on April 1st



[ThinkColumbiaSC](#) is kicking off its quarterly series on [April 1st](#) in conjunction with the [FOM series](#) on Main Street.

[ThinkColumbiaSC](#) is a new partnership whose goal is to inspire, promote, and showcase creativity to encourage innovation and economic development in the region.

[ThinkColumbiaSC](#) is comprised of the Cultural Council of Richland & Lexington Counties, Frame of Mind, Gervais & Vine, the South Carolina Arts Commission, VC3, and EngenuitySC.

What inspires you? Join us [April 1st!](#)

Pursuing the Best and Brightest: Talent Attraction as an Economic Driver

In spite of high unemployment, cities and regions continue to pour resources into stocking their workforce with the right individuals to service existing industry and promote growth.



Talent attraction and retention has become a focal point for many economic development organizations as communities engage in proactive recruiting efforts for in-demand workers. The partners of the [Columbia Talent Magnet Project](#) are working to chart the course for our community.

Read Iain Watt's article "[Pursuing the Best and Brightest](#)" for a glimpse at what economic development organizations are doing around the country.

Agri-Tech Producers is Meeting Tomorrow's Need Today

[Agri-Tech Producers \(ATP\)](#) is a newly-formed company based in Columbia, SC. The company has been involved in biomass and bioenergy initiatives since 2005.



The company just announced a strategic partnership with Cate Street Capital that will help take its torrefaction technology global by facilitating the manufacture of and purchases of what may be the world's first commercial-grade torrefaction machines.

ATP's torrefaction technology converts cellulosic biomass, like wood chips and bio-crops, into a substance which can be used as a coal substitute. The process is cost-effective and the product has several applications.

Read more about ATP's technology and future plans for development [here](#).

Science Cafe - April 20th

Join us on April 20th at

Adventure for the first mobile Science Cafe, "*Science Cafe on the Hydrogen Hybrid Bus.*"



Come jump on the bus for a guided tour of Columbia's Fuel Cell District then rest your feet at EdVenture while taking place in a hydrogen economy discussion with a local expert.

Interested? Sign up [here](#).

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