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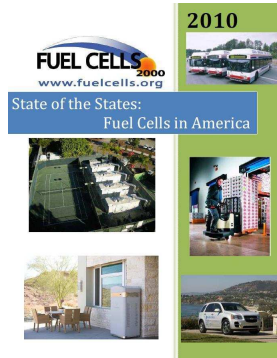


Please take a few moments to read the latest news from Columbia's Knowledge Economy. If you have knowledge economy news to share, we want to know. Send your comments and feedback to [info@engenuitysc.com](mailto:info@engenuitysc.com).

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**SC Recognized as a Top 5 Fuel Cell State in "State of the States: Fuel Cells in America"**

[Fuel Cells 2000](#) in a new report, "[State of the States: Fuel Cells in America](#)," provides a snapshot of fuel cell and hydrogen activity in the 50 states and District of Columbia. From analysis, it has chosen the Top 5 Fuel Cell States to be (in alphabetical order) California, Connecticut, New York, Ohio, and South Carolina.



[Fuel Cells 2000](#) analyzed the seven regions of the United States, compiling state activities including supportive fuel cell and hydrogen policies, installations and demonstrations in each state, Road Maps, and the overall level

**VC and Startups Roundtable Webinar**

According to [PWC Money Tree](#) 90% of "startup capital" comes from angel investors. Who are these angels? How do angels and professionally managed angel groups contribute to the life cycle of a company? Where do angels invest? Where do VC's invest?



These questions and more were answered at a rountable and webinar hosted by the National Association for Business Economics last week.

Visit the [NABE website](#) to get a copy of the slides and some answers to your angel and VC questions.

of activism. Each of the Top 5 is recognized for different reasons.

South Carolina is recognized for its universities taking a collaborative approach, an aggressive economic development program, and activism in forklift demonstrations. [EngenuitySC](#) and the [USC-Columbia Fuel Cell Collaborative](#) are listed among some of the important elements that contribute to South Carolina's success as a Top 5 Fuel Cell State.

Download a full report [here](#).

### Innoventure Southeast 2010 - Connect with Some of the World's Best



Over two days, seven senior leaders and 60 passionate champions, [Innoventure 2010](#) is a conference you should attend on May 11-12 in Greenville, SC.

The [agenda](#) covers four key areas of economic development activity in South Carolina: Smart Communities, Transformed Mobility, Advanced Materials, and Clean Energy. Speakers will give 15 minute presentations describing the future they are creating to attract the expertise and resources needed to succeed.

To register and for more information, visit [innoventuresoutheast.com](#).

### Meet 17 Rising Stars at the University of South Carolina



Young innovators, up-and-coming scholars, and researchers making their marks are a few phrases to describe 17 rising stars

singled out at the University of South Carolina.

These young stars are worthy of praise for their commitment to research, scholarly pursuits, passion for teaching, and contributions to growing the knowledge economy in our region.

Who are they? Click [here](#) to meet them.

### Fuel Cell Challenge: An Innovation and Commercialization Competition



Columbia and South Carolina are emerging centers for investment in clean energy and clean technology. In an effort to accelerate the commercialization of clean technologies in South Carolina, the [USC-Columbia Fuel Cell Collaborative](#) is launching the [Fuel Cell Challenge](#).

The challenge is an innovation-based competition focused on identifying and commercializing novel hydrogen, fuel cell and clean technologies.

Teams from around the country are invited to compete by submitting innovative technologies and business plans for developing the next generation of products focused on hydrogen, fuel cells and fuel cell components.

Download an application and get more information at [www.fuelcellcollaborative.com](#).

### Green Airports Educational Seminar: Propane and Other Alternatives

The [Green Airports Initiative](#) aims to provide resources and information to help airport services (airlines as well as other tenants and vendors) become more environmentally friendly and reduce operating costs.



This educational seminar in Columbia on May 5th will explore opportunities for ground service equipment upgrades and alternative fuel conversions. Sponsored by the [SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control](#), the [SC Energy Office](#), and [Palmetto State Clean Fuels Coalition](#).

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

## Science Cafe - May 19th

Join us on

May 19th at [Gotham Bagel Cafe](#) for a talk with [Dr. Lawrence Reagan](#) about the [hippocampus](#) and its role in learning and memory.



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

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