

## Economic & Entrepreneurial Vitality Task Force Meeting Notes February 10, 2015

- **Information Hub (OurUpstateSC.info)** – With the help of volunteer, Dan Garvin, we will begin checking the accuracy of the Information Hub Resource links. We also want to review the resource links to ensure we have all resources listed. We are looking for a couple of task force members to assist in the process of adding additional resources to ensure we have the most robust resource listing possible for the Economic & Entrepreneurial Vitality section. This will likely consist of a meeting with Dan to review the site and then helping provide our intern with direction on where to find additional resources. You will not be expected to research specific resources. Please contact me via email ([ttate@tenathtop.org](mailto:ttate@tenathtop.org)) if you are interested in helping.
- **Entrepreneurial Friendly Community Tool Kit** – David Shellhorse presented the tool kit during the task force meeting; his presentation is attached. The tool kit will be available March 31, 2015 and David is seeking suggestions on how to publicize the tool kit's availability. If you have questions about the tool kit, David's presentation, or suggestions on the best way the tool kit can be publicized please contact David via email at [dshellhorse@scacog.org](mailto:dshellhorse@scacog.org).
- **Upstate Capital Providers & Funding Sources** – Archie Johnson and Paul Clark presented the alternative sources of capital matrix, which is attached. We are still taking additions to the list. Two sources of funding that could use some input from the task force are grants and export financing. Please continue to email me ([ttate@tenathtop.org](mailto:ttate@tenathtop.org)) additions to the lists. We are seeking volunteers for a capital providers networking event planning committee. Funders and investors need to be aware of what others are doing in the Upstate. This event will only include funders, not those seeking funding. Please contact me via email ([ttate@tenathtop.org](mailto:ttate@tenathtop.org)) if you are interested in being part of the planning committee.
- **Upstate Workforce & Skill Programs** – Dwayne Hatchett presented the workforce and skill list during the meeting, which is attached. The information in the list needs to be made into an easy to access and understand format so it can be used by those that need it. We are seeking volunteers to help analyze and group the data and decide the best way in which to present and use the information. If you would like to be part of that group please contact me via email ([ttate@tenathtop.org](mailto:ttate@tenathtop.org)).

### Next Steps

- We will continue to add to the capital providers and workforce and skill programs lists. Please continue to send your additions to the list to me. Also, if you are able, please consider volunteering for the workforce and skill programs analyzing team by Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- We are also seeking volunteers for the planning committee for the Upstate funders and investors networking event. Please notify me by Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> if you are interested in being part of that committee.
- Ways to engage parents and mentors to promote STEM and awareness of jobs available was also discussed during the meeting. Steve Hall has volunteered to lead a subcommittee to identify organizations that are working to engage parents and mentors across the region. If you are interested in being part of that discussion, please let me know via email ([ttate@tenathtop.org](mailto:ttate@tenathtop.org)).

### Upcoming Meetings

- During the Upstate Professional Planners meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>, Clemson University City & Regional Planning Master's students will present their Comprehensive Plan Review. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.
- Join the Upstate bus tour for their first stop in Greenwood on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Register soon because space is limited. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.

- **SAVE THE DATE!** The first forum of 2015 will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> with keynote speaker, Ed Rendell, former governor of Pennsylvania, discussing the importance of investing in transportation and infrastructure. The second forum focused on healthcare will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please look for more details and meeting locations in the coming weeks.