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Idaho STEM Action Center Releases \$48,000 in Grants to Idaho Educators

(Boise) The Idaho STEM Action Center (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) announced today that it has released \$48,175 to 23 Idaho educators. Projects will be implemented this spring in classrooms and school libraries throughout Idaho. Projects include elementary robotics, math manipulatives, a variety of high school science probes including accelerometers and water-quality probes, hydrogen fuel cars, drones and “dronology” curriculum for high school, aquaponics, 3D design and printing, makerspace start-up for a school library; STEM summer camp for the blind and visually impaired, and computer software for modeling and coding.

The STEM Action Center received 104 applications requesting over \$250,000. Funding allowed only 23 projects to be awarded this year. Forty-five Idaho educators and business professionals reviewed all grant applications. Grants were ranked based on the STEM learning needs of the students, support of Idaho standards in math, science and/or English language arts, fiscal sustainability, measuring outcomes and impacts and using a creative and original approach to teaching STEM.

Angela Hemingway, executive director of the STEM Action Center, said, “The number of applications illustrates the need Idaho educators face in implementing innovative STEM projects. We were impressed by the quality of the applications and recognize that Idaho educators are capable of tremendous innovation when given the resources.”

These projects will be implemented this spring and will be posted to the Action Center website: <http://stem.idaho.gov/> as they are completed. The following locations received funding from the STEM Action Center:

Kristin Beck	Hansen School District	\$ 2,495.85
Andrew Bosworth	Ririe High School	\$ 2,046.61
Beth Brubaker	North Idaho STEM Charter Academy	\$ 2,299.43
Cora Caldwell	Gooding Middle School Library	\$ 2,500.76
Guy Falconer	Sage International School of Boise	\$ 2,500.00
Sherri Faust	Parma Schools	\$ 2,500.00
Monique Gafford	Kuna Middle School	\$ 2,364.09
Sonia Galaviz	Garfield Elementary School	\$ 2,549.00
Karen Garner	Idaho Arts Charter	\$ 1,060.00
Jared Gee	Sugar-Salem High School	\$ 2,476.65
Jacque Johnson	Southside Elementary (LPOSD)	\$ 2,500.00
Amanda Knowlton	Sacajawea Elementary School	\$ 2,475.00
Erin Kueneman	Cynthia Mann Elementary	\$ 2,482.95
Gary Lam	Potlatch Elementary / PSD 285	\$ 1,523.11
Rashelle Mack	East Junior High	\$ 2,189.95
Joseph Martin	Idaho School District 25 - Franklin	\$ 707.50
Ken Price	Marsing School District	\$ 2,492.00
Kevin Ramsey	Leadore School	\$ 2,455.00
Allen Reed	South Fremont High School	\$ 2,500.00
Carmi Scheller	Star Elementary	\$ 1,516.07
Carol Scholz	Boise School District	\$ 2,500.00
Lindsey Truxel	Barbara Morgan Elementary	\$ 1,626.00
L. Paul Verhage	Treasure Valley Math and Science Center	\$ 415.83