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Iowa STEM BEST

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STEM BEST Background

- RFP released in August 2014 with the goal of uniting expertise of public and private sector partners to strengthen the continuum from school to careers
- Based on three attributes:
 - Education driven by industry need
 - Rigorous, relevant and dynamic STEM curriculum
 - Authentic partnerships
- 5 programs awarded December 2014 with implementation by fall 2015

Awarded Programs

- Bettendorf & Pleasant Valley – IT Academy
- Cedar Rapids & College Community – Iowa BIG
- Kirkwood CC/University of Iowa/Clear Creek
Amana/College Community/Iowa
City/Regina/Solon/Tipton/West Branch – STEM
Innovator
- Northeast
- Rock Valley – Rocket Manufacturing

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Accomplishments

- STEM BEST Event – June 17
 - 140 community representatives
 - 47% K-12 Education
 - 20% Higher Education
 - 23% Business & Industry
 - 10% Non-Profit/Other
 - Session Topics
 - Forming Business Partnerships
 - Building Collaborations Across Districts
 - Exemplar Models of Iowa Community Partnerships

STEM BEST EVENT



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Accomplishments

- **STEM BEST Program Data**
 - 315+ students participating fall 2015
 - 140+ committed business partners
 - 50 new partners since receipt of funding
 - 31% avg female participation with some programs over 50%
 - Nearly \$800,000 in cost-share

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