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WHO WE ARE | WHAT WE DO | WHY WE DO IT

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# How did we get here?



Pressing need for a STEM-trained workforce

STEM AC created

Network connected & work starts



**Momentum Builds**

Growth and expansion

EcosySTEM created



**Doubling Efforts**

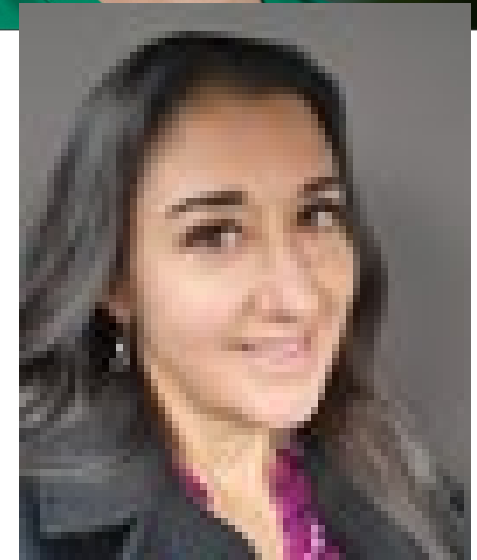
Independent EcosySTEM

Refocused STEM AC



STEM AC Team  
*(And more to come!)*

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# It takes a village!





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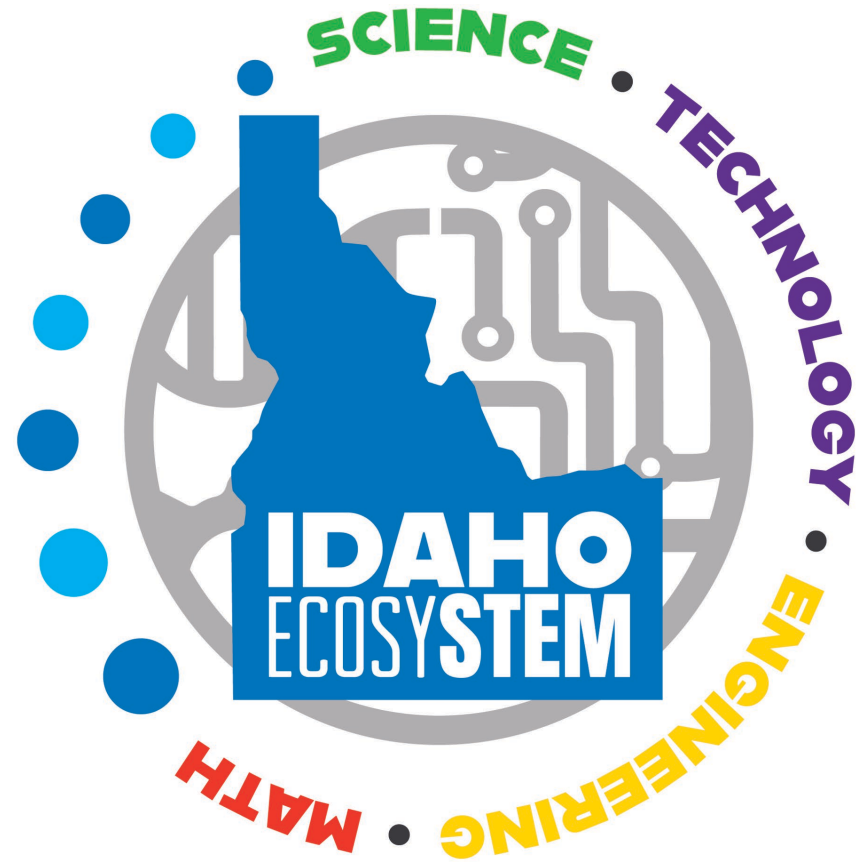
*Ask me how to get involved!*

# We have a NEW HOME!



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*for* **EDUCATION**

Great Schools are  
Good Business





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**Youth Apprenticeship Program**

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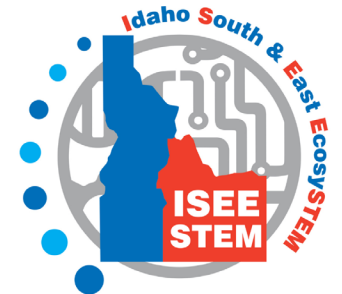
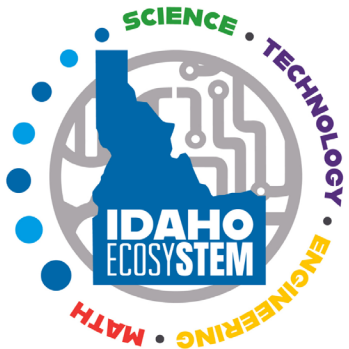


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# Focus



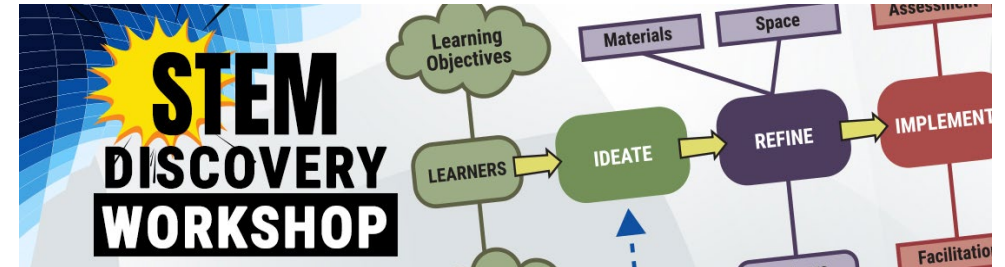
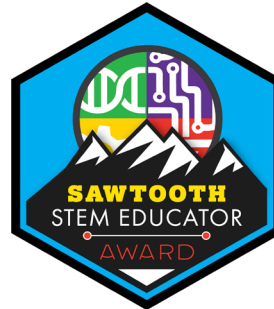
- Coordination – we organize and assist
  - Stem Education Strategic Plan
  - Facilitating connections
- Professional Development – best practices
- Resources that serve the state – Learning Blade, Idaho Connect
- Work-based Learning
- Pilot programs seeking / testing innovative & promising practices in STEM
- EcosySTEM sponsorship

- Connecting industry & education
- Identifying challenges & solutions
- Workforce development efforts
- Sharing best practices

- Provide regional "boots on the ground"
- Engage partners statewide & regionally
- Support student programs & competitions
- Deliver select educator PD
- Fund programs & opportunities
- Empower regional leaders
- Collaborate nationally with ecosystems



Idaho Connect





# What does this look like for you?



The STEM AC can help with:

- Being a connection point for statewide efforts, strategies, resources, obstacles/opportunities, and ideas (with a special focus on computer science)
- Forging closer relationships between education and Idaho employers
- Facilitation of statewide strategic planning efforts
- High quality stem-related professional development
- Consolidated resources and identifying best practices
- Development & testing for pilot programs
- Receive donations to that will serve statewide STEM-related initiatives

What is changing?

- Discontinued direct P3/Sponsorship awards
- Stepping away from "boots-on-the-ground" efforts

Regional Hub Coordinators are available to:

- Visit educators and other EcosySTEM partners to share ideas and connect to resources
- Support regional STEM programs and events through funding and regional resources such as volunteers, materials and networking
- Provide opportunities for partners to collaborate on events and programs
- Meet with industry partners to share ideas for engaging with educators
- Facilitate regional student programs & competitions

The EcosySTEM will provide Grants and Sponsorships

- Regional Hub funds
- Statewide grants/sponsorships
- Competition travel support



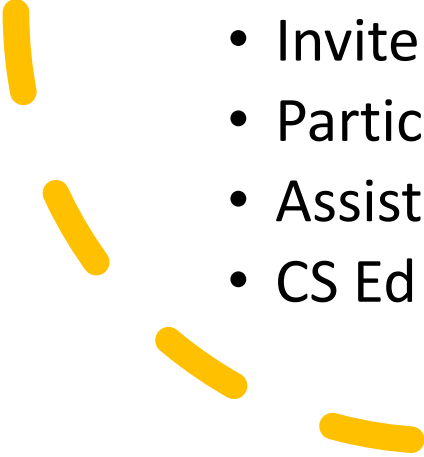
# HOW CAN YOU PROVIDE SUPPORT?



## EcosySTEM:

- Keep an eye out for information on our new community platform- sign up and share with colleagues so we can build a strong network of collaborators
- Engage with hub leadership teams, events, and activities
- Share information on events, programs, and opportunities in your region
- Invite us to the table whenever STEM is involved – we want to help!

## STEM AC:

- Bring your STEM-related opportunities/obstacles to our table
  - Invite us to your venues, tables, and meetings
  - Participate in the upcoming STEM Strategic Education Plan survey
  - Assist us with connections for parties interested in funding STEM in Idaho
  - CS Ed Week & Hour of Code (Dec)
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# Upcoming events

## **EcosySTEM:**

- STEM Day at the Western Idaho Fair, Aug. 18 12:00- 7:00 pm
- Passport to STEM at the Latah County Fair, Sept. 14-17 in Moscow
- Grant & Sponsorship Opportunities Opening Fall 2023

## **STEM AC:**

- Sawtooth STEM Educator Award through Aug 15!
- ESSER OST Grant: Open through Sept 5!
- i-STEM Strand Providers: Nov-Dec 2023
- i-STEM Participant App: Feb 2024
- Externship App: Jan 2024

## **All:**

- Hour of Code & CS Ed Week (Dec 4-10, 2023)



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## NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!



- WANT SOMETHING CLARIFIED?
- DID WE MISS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW?
- DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR A TEAM MEMBER?





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