The Bearden Award is in recognition of girls pursuing computer science-related learning opportunities. Technology is an increasing contributor to Idaho’s economy and the Bearden Award inspires girls to engage in hands-on computer science learning opportunities that will lead to their career futures.

Elizabeth “Betsy” Bearden, a long-time Idaho resident, believes in educational equity and opportunity for girls to develop 21st century skills that lead to their career futures.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. It’s in these subjects that students learn the skills of critical thinking, problem-solving and collaboration—skills that translate to success in many fields. The STEM Action Center is here to support this development and provide Idaho with the talent pipeline it needs for its economy to thrive. Idaho can generate a strong, STEM-competent and competitive workforce that will make us become a prime STEM business destination.
Today’s efforts. Tomorrow’s successes.

Industry participation is essential for success, and we’re here to help make that participation easier. We’ve created many ways for Idaho businesses to engage with STEM education. From mentoring and volunteering to donating and partnering, you can help move the economy forward by closing the gaps in Idaho’s workforce. Let us help you help Idaho!

Learn more

To learn more about the STEM Action Center’s strategies, success stories, and positive impacts in your community, email: admin@stem.idaho.gov.

We build STEM through:

- **Educator Access** to STEM professional development throughout Idaho
- **Workforce** development-focused partnerships with industry and universities
- **Student STEM Competitions** and camp support

Today’s students will be tomorrow’s workforce, and the STEM Action Center has been created to develop the STEM-skilled talent that Idaho employers need.

22,000 Educator Interactions

8,000 STEM Education Interactions through communities and businesses

164,000 Student Interactions