Amount Requested: $200,000

The goal is to create a new cohort of innovators by building on proven paths to technological success. Tech-savvy small businesses will hire more workers, who with an improved command of STEM and communication skills can solve emerging complex problems. Gains for the upstate tourism industry will come fromTechWorks! visitors, who will spend $6 million per year in local economy, which roughly translates to 100 jobs per year; 12 at TechWorks! and 88 in local hotels, restaurants, merchants, etc.