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Request for Proposals

Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Economic Development Strategy

South Carolina Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Alliance

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The South Carolina Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Alliance seeks an experienced, team-oriented strategy consultant to develop the South Carolina Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Economic Development Strategy 2011 project and to produce a Blueprint for the South Carolina Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Cluster. The Blueprint will expand on an existing strategy report, the South Carolina Next Energy Initiative, produced in 2005.

The South Carolina Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Economic Development Strategy 2011 project will contribute to the development of a green economy by developing a strategy that will increase the production and use of low/no carbon fuels such as hydrogen and the manufacture and use of fuel cells for power production.

The project is progressing through three main steps: (1) Identify the current status and direction of the South Carolina Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Cluster in the areas of discovery, development, and deployment; document the past growth of the cluster through economic evaluation; and develop a strategy that identifies the cluster's goals for the near and long term; (2) Analyze, reassess and more deeply define the "2005 Next Energy Initiative" to identify specific steps to increase competitiveness of the cluster and better leverage the cluster's assets. Specific components will include cluster mapping and supply chain analysis that will identify and define the industry in South Carolina in terms of research, commercialization and economic development as well as perform a five year impact study to assess progress since the "2005 Next Energy Initiative"; and (3) Communicate the updated strategy.

The South Carolina Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Alliance is currently in Phase 1 of the South Carolina Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Economic Development Strategy 2011 project and seeks the services of a strategy consultant. Consultant services are sought through June 2011.

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