



Dear Sir or Madam,

Due West Robotics is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Due West, South Carolina which exposes youth and their families to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs to inspire them to become the next generation of South Carolinian innovators. We are affiliated with *FIRST* South Carolina and the worldwide *FIRST* organization, through which we provide the area with several robotics programs, including *FIRST* LEGO® League (FLL) and *FIRST* Robotics Challenge (FRC).

Due West Robotics purchased 14 acres including the former Carver School, a historic school building used during the segregation era. We plan to revitalize this property by creating a community Innovation Center to provide STEM opportunities in our region, host statewide *FIRST* robotics competitions and events, and as a community center for an underrepresented area of Abbeville County.

Investments have already been made by the local community and companies such as Eaton Corporation. We are also working to secure funds from local, state, and national partners, including West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., *FIRST* SC, The Boeing Company, Robert Bosch GmbH, and NASA. Local builders have also offered to provide the organization with in-kind labor and other resources. Funding from the state of South Carolina would likewise be used to fund our construction plans and help us facilitate our projects, which will have a great local, regional, and state impact.

Thank you,

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