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STEM EDUCATION SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 10th IN BOISE

(Boise). The Idaho State Board of Education will be hosting a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Summit on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM at the Boise State University Student Union Building, Simplot Ballroom. A primary focus of the event will be how to expand Idaho's STEM talent pipeline from education to employment. Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter will provide opening remarks.

This free, full-day, interactive work session will bring together educators, administrators, students, industry leaders, policymakers, and other STEM advocates to identify highly effective methods for moving the *Idaho P-20 Statewide STEM Strategic Plan* into action. The Summit activities are designed to encourage in-depth discussions and develop recommendations that can be used by the State Board of Education, policymakers, industry, and educators to enhance STEM efforts in Idaho.

Summit activities include an introduction to the new Idaho STEM Action Center, which was approved by the Idaho Legislature and will operate within the Governor's Office. Attendees will also hear from a panel of STEM industry, education and policy leaders highlighting the need for a strong connection between education and industry to prepare young people for STEM employment. Bob Lokken, CEO of WhiteCloud Analytics, will provide the keynote address regarding the STEM talent pipeline and its effect on the economy and future workforce needs.

Event registration, the event agenda and the *Idaho P-20 Statewide STEM Strategic Plan* are available on the Board's web site www.boardofed.idaho.gov. The public is invited to attend, especially educators and industry leaders in STEM fields, legislators and high school or postsecondary STEM students.

Space is limited for this free, full-day event, and the registration deadline is Monday, June 8, 2015. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

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