



STEM Skills Today  Workforce Tomorrow

## Grant Announcement May 5, 2014 – June 27, 2014

STEMLink is a collaborative partnership between:

- The Department of Workforce Services (DWS)
- The STEM Action Center
- The Utah State Board of Education (USOE)

The STEM Link Partnership will provide two separate grant opportunities to develop, implement, expand or enhance STEM skills and activities for students. These grants will focus on under-served youth and helping them to gain and apply STEM skills. These grant programs will target those students who need the most help in gaining employable skills that will help them achieve financial independence. In turn these students will catalyze economic growth within their communities. By serving the student, these grants will ultimately benefit communities and businesses.

The overarching goals for projects funded are to:

- Increase interest and excitement in STEM learning
- Increase STEM skills, understanding, knowledge and competency
- Increase awareness and interest in STEM education and career pathways
- When appropriate, provide students with industry recognized or stackable credentials

### STEMLink In-School Grant Opportunity

This Grant will provide funding to public school districts, individual schools and charter schools to develop, implement or enhance STEM programs or STEM activities in the classroom for Elementary, Middle, Junior High and High School. This may include Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and Work-Based Learning (WBL) activities that are STEM based. Total funding allocated for this grant is \$1,000,000. Grant period of performance: **August 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.**

### STEMLink After-School Grant Opportunity

This Grant will provide funding to public and private schools; local governments; public or private not-for-profit organizations; faith-based organizations; state offices and agencies; units of local governments; and Indian tribal governments. This grant is to develop, implement or enhance STEM programs or STEM activities after school, before school or summer programs for youth in Middle, Junior High and High school. This may include supplemental programming to the school day Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and Work-Based Learning (WBL) activities that are STEM based. Total funding allocated for this grant is \$5,000,000. Grant period of performance: **September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2017.**

For more information, full program terms, and application details for the STEMLink grant programs please review the Request for Grants located <http://jobs.utah.gov/departments/stem.html>.