

In direct response to the national summits convened by the U.S. Secretary for Education, a call was issued for the implementation of state-level summits focusing on state-specific STEM education concerns and addressing necessary actions to develop improved systems. From this was created the **NASSMC State Summits Implementation Program (NSSIP)**, supported by NASA and the U.S. Department of Education.

NSSIP supports state-based organizations in planning, developing, administering, implementing, following-up, and sustaining state mathematics and science education summits that:

- Address the critical need to improve STEM education for all students;
- Promote active participation of state business, education and public policy leaders;
- Have an agenda focusing on the state's critical STEM education issues as perceived by business, education, and government leaders in the state they represent;
- Engage underserved and underrepresented communities in state and national efforts to improve STEM education;
- Capitalize on NASA's commitment to assist and motivate educators and students to pursue STEM-related fields and to improve scientific literacy;

- Address national issues raised by the U.S. Department of Education's National Mathematics and Science Summits;
- Address the needs of the 21st Century workforce;
- Include a comprehensive public awareness and engagement plan; and
- Initiate the development of a state action plan.

Eligible state-based coalitions may apply for a 2-year grant of up to \$20,000. One award per state will be made.

The **STEM Summit Catalyst Program** provides technical assistance and guidance for a limited number of emerging coalitions interested in hosting a STEM Summit in the future, but may not yet be ready to apply for an NSSIP grant.

To date, NSSIP awards have been made in seven states, and two states are being supported under the Catalyst Program.

Proposals are solicited annually.

For more information: www.nassmc.org/summits.html