



I-77 Mobility Partners Announces \$50,000 donation for Discovery Place Education Studio

Charlotte, N.C. (May 31, 2017) – I-77 Mobility Partners today announced it is donating \$50,000 to support Discovery Place Education Studio, which provides ongoing professional development for pre K-12 educators in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

“I-77 Mobility Partners is committed to the advancement of STEM education,” said **Javier Tamargo, CEO of I-77 Mobility Partners**. “We are proud to support Discovery Place Education Studio, which is a leader in helping educators in our region inspire and prepare students for STEM learning and future careers.”

“Discovery Place is grateful that I-77 Mobility Partners understands the importance of investing in our educators in order to prepare our students for the STEM jobs of the future,” said **Catherine Wilson Horne, president & CEO, Discovery Place**. “With this support, we will be able to train more teachers to bring advanced technologies and problem-solving skills into their classrooms.”

As a supporter, I-77 Mobility Partners also will participate in various Discovery Place and Discovery Place Education Studio programs, such as providing opportunities for learning and advancement to local teachers and school administrators. Educators will bring these new skills and proficiencies back to their classrooms for the benefit of students throughout the Carolinas.

A photo of the check presentation photos is attached.

About I-77 Mobility Partners LLC

I-77 Mobility Partners LLC will finance, develop, design, construct, operate and maintain the I-77 Express Lanes Project as part of a public-private partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The full 26-mile project is slated to be completed in 2018. Dedicated express lanes will run adjacent to the existing general purpose lanes, providing drivers a choice for more reliable travel times.

I-77 Mobility Partners proudly supports schools, first responders and other organizations that serve communities along the corridor. The company also makes it a practice of hiring local and regional contractors, subcontractors, designers, material suppliers and other vendors in the project area. Visit www.i77express.com for more information, or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

About Discovery Place

Discovery Place is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides STEM education to the Carolinas through four distinct museum experiences at Discovery Place Science, Discovery Place Nature and Discovery Place Kids. Through the Education Studio program, Discovery Place serves educators for grades pre K-12 from schools, museums, science centers, zoos and aquariums throughout the Southeast through interactive educational programming and professional development training. Through our museums, outreach programs and professional development center, Discovery Place is a leader in STEM education in the Carolinas.

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