Connect South Carolina Names New Executive Director

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Jim Stritzinger joins Connect South Carolina

Columbia, SC – Connect South Carolina and IT-oLogy are pleased to announce that Jim Stritzinger has been named executive director of Connect South Carolina. Stritzinger assumed his role on July 1 and will lead Connect South Carolina as it continues its work connecting communities to broadband and technology.

“The synergies between Connect South Carolina and IT-oLogy were obvious to me when we began our partnership about 18 months ago,” said Stritzinger. “Since I’ve been a member of South Carolina’s Broadband Advisory Council over that time, my transition to Connect South Carolina is a natural and exciting evolution. I am honored to join the Connected Nation team, and I look forward to traveling around the state and shaping programs that will hopefully turn into best practices nationally.”

Before joining Connect South Carolina, Stritzinger served as the director of the Grow IT initiative at IT-oLogy, working directly with organizations that leverage IT talent either to...
directly create technology products and services or indirectly support the diverse needs of business operations.

“Our recent partnership announcement between Connect South Carolina and IT-oLogy shows our commitment to helping more communities get connected and helping more workers increase their skills through technology expansion in South Carolina,” said Connected Nation President and COO Tom Ferree. “Jim is a great fit for the organization. The future is bright for the Connect South Carolina program.”

Stritzinger is an electrical engineer, experienced software developer, and an accomplished entrepreneur. In addition, he is a Fellow with the Liberty Fellowship which seeks to promote outstanding leadership in South Carolina, empowering the state and its future leaders to realize their full potential.

Stritzinger replaces Heather Jones, who left Connect South Carolina in April to become executive director of the Greenwood Partnership Alliance.

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**About Connect South Carolina:** A subsidiary of non-profit Connected Nation, Connect South Carolina is leading the effort to increase broadband access, adoption, and use to ensure South Carolina’s competitiveness in the connected global economy of the twenty-first century. Connect South Carolina is a public-private partnership commissioned by the Office of the Governor to work with each of the state's broadband providers to create detailed maps of broadband coverage and to assess the current state of broadband adoption, community-by-community, across South Carolina. This work serves as a foundation for addressing remaining service gaps while also engaging state, regional, and local leaders in workforce development activities designed to bridge South Carolina’s digital divide. For maps, research, or to get involved with efforts in your community, please visit: [www.ConnectSC.org](http://www.ConnectSC.org).

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