



Congratulations on participating in The Power of Discovery: STEM<sup>2</sup> Initiative!

The Regional Innovation Support Providers will facilitate cross-sector, mutually beneficial partnerships and provide targeted technical assistance to out-of-school time (OST) programs as they increase high-quality STEM learning opportunities for their students. By guiding OST programs through an assessment and planning process and embedding opportunities for reflection and continuous improvement, Regional Innovation Support Providers will be improving the quality of after school programs through the lens of STEM. When partners with diverse skills and resources commit to working together instead of working alone, they can create something truly meaningful. This is an exciting collaboration, and we are so glad you've chosen to be a part of this initiative.

The work plan was developed using modified SMART goals. The purpose of the work plan is to outline the specific steps necessary to successfully complete the goals of the initiative in your region. This work plan also allows each Regional Innovation Support Provider to outline their responsibilities and those of their collaborative partners. Alternative work plan templates can be utilized as long as the necessary elements and content are addressed.

A budget template has also been attached for your reference. It is important to start planning how the budget is going to correspond to the different elements of the work plan. Upon submission and review of the work plan, 50% of the funds will be allocated to the Regional Innovation Support Providers.