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Haynie Farms CEO, and Agriculture Ambassador for 21st Century Farming Joins Innovation

KDM & Associates, LLC and Haynie Farms LLC have teamed to develop co-op training programs in targeted rural and underserved urban communities. KDM and Haynie Farms are in partnership with selected Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to bring cutting-edge internship opportunities to college students, future scientists, and technology professionals to better understand the application of STEM in farming and food science.

Transforms What Works in STEM Campaign

"The partnership with Haynie Farms is an exciting advancement for our business development, public relations consulting firm as we expand our linkages with key STEM industry sector partners" says Keith Moore, Founder of Internet channel OpenGovTV.com and President of KDM & Associates, LLC, a well known consulting firm based in Washington, D.C.

Formed in 1999, Haynie Farms is a diversified grow crop and grain farming operation in the Northern Neck of Virginia. Haynie Farms CEO, PJ Haynie, a fifth-generation farmer and graduate of Virginia Tech University, is committed to making sure college students, especially from HBCUs across the country have a good understanding of how STEM technologies such as artificial intelligence is applicable to the agriculture industry.

Moore says that "our national campaign, Innovation Transforms What Works in STEM is designed to enrich the business, science, and technology education community by introducing agribusiness, emerging and innovative farm technologies, technology transfer concepts, commercialization, and entrepreneurship opportunities for HBCU, MSI faculty and students. This partnership will lead to an increase in job creation, and wealth creation for many untapped and hard to reach members of society." "The match making opportunities to engage Agencies like USDA, Department of Commerce, MBDA, NIH, DoD, NASA, and NSF to consider establishing Technical Mentoring Partnership Agreements with small businesses-like Haynie Farms in partnership with HBCUs and MSIs is our goal". Haynie says, "teaming with KDM will bring more of the local farming science needs into government, academic laboratories, and to industries focused on Agriculture". Haynie Farms is located in Reedville, Virginia. This agricultural community currently feeds 7 billion people daily. According to PJ Haynie, "we are charged with the task of feeding 2 billion additional mouths as the global population is projected to reach 9 billion people by the year 2050". "With Stem initiatives and partnerships like this one with KDM, we are doing our part to ensure food security as well as educating the world with the needs of production agriculture for years to come".

KDM and Haynie Farms intend to work together in schools around the country with its national partners to specifically link agriculture, farming, and technology to opportunities to advance the economy, education, energy, health, minority interests, and food security. The innovative connector for the two organizations centers around the federal government's initiatives in STEM, which will require improved learning models and new ways of thinking as America seeks to recapture leadership in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and

farming. "Ultimately," says Moore, "we want this partnership to help the government improve learning and training, and to help more college students and younger age students to become exposed to 21st century farming

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