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Mr. Kenneth Canty

SC State University's Business Week brings Corporate Leaders and Entrepreneurs to Orangeburg, S.C.

Orangeburg, S.C. - SC State University's Business Week will feature a number of business executives, who will share their expertise with the campus community. Kicking off the week which begins, Monday, March 26, 2012 at 11 a.m. in Belcher Hall's fourth floor auditorium will be a session with Mr. Kenneth Canty, president of Freeland Construction in Charleston, S.C.

Canty's construction company specializes in mechanical, electrical and civil renovation, restoration and rehabilitation work. He has worked for 15 years on a multitude of mega contrition projects, both in the south and southwest United States. These projects include the Central Artery / Third Harbor Tunnel Project in Boston and the Long Island Expressway Expansion in New York City.

A native of Boston, Mass., Canty graduated from Thayer Academy College Preparatory High School in 1992 and from the University of Massachusetts / Amherst in 1997 with a B.S. in civil engineering. He returned to his family roots in South Carolina in 2002 to be involved in Construction of the Arthur Ravenel Bridge and the removal of the Grace and Pearman Bridges.

He serves on the City of Charleston Sustainability Advisory Committee (chairman), Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce Developers Council Steering Committee (Rail Transportation) and Board of Directors.



Mr. Barrett Tolbert

Beginning at 3 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2012 in Belcher's Hall 4th floor auditorium, Mr. Barrett Tolbert, director of procurement for Charleston, S.C. county government will present on dressing for success. Tolbert has a passion for increasing opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses, develop a business training academy for small entrepreneurs, and work with the community to develop a mentorship program for businesses to improve the knowledge of the procurement process with small firms.

Barrett has a MBA from Webster University and is a native of Charleston, S.C. He has over 20 years of experience in procurement and in providing financial opportunities for small businesses. Additionally, he has prior military and banking experience and has worked for Charleston County Government for six years.



Mr. Jerry Ellison

Wrapping up the week's activities will be an Awards Ceremony with keynote speaker, Mr. Jerry Ellison, president and CEO of JBE, INC., headquartered in Hartsville, S.C.

JBE began in 1982 doing sub assembly and providing support for a small number of local businesses. Over the past 30 years, the business has evolved into a world class provider of complex and highly technical sub assembly manufacturing solutions and global supply chain management solutions. JBE serves national and global clients such as Cummins, Navistar, Honda, and Sonoco, just to name a few. JBE is also an operating Foreign Trade Zone and has earned TS 16949, ISO 9001, and AS 9100 quality certifications.

Ellison is very active in the community. He serves on several boards including the Darlington County Development Board, CareSouth and Florence-Darlington Technical College. He is a member of the South

Carolina, Darlington County and Florence County Chamber of Commerce, and his benevolence is well known in the community.

For more information regarding 2012 SC State University's Business Week contact co-chairpersons, Dr. Harry Miley at 803-536-8455, or via email at hmiley@scsu.edu or Dr. Stacey Settle at 803-536-8300, or via email at ssettle@scsu.edu.

Founded in 1896 as a land grant institution with a mission of providing service to the citizens of the state, [South Carolina State University](#) has evolved from a small teachers' college into a major University center of learning and research. Located in [Orangeburg, S.C.](#), with a student population of some 4,500, South Carolina State offers more than 50 different fields of study on the undergraduate and graduate levels. South Carolina State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of the Council of Graduate Schools.