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BizBuilderSC offers New Entrepreneur/Small Business Training Product

Charleston -- BizBuilderSC, the statewide entrepreneur and small business training program, has sponsored certification of 23 trainers in NxLevel® Education's entrepreneur training products.

NxLevel® President and CEO Mike Finnerty conducted two days of training in Columbia last month to complete the certifications. BizBuilderSC will be rolling out new classes across the state over the next few months with this new product.

NxLevel® was founded in 1993 through a sponsorship by the U.S. West Foundation and the University of Colorado at Denver. Since July 2002, NxLevel® had operated as an independent non-profit corporation located in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Certified NxLevel® facilitators will offer courses for business start-ups, existing businesses who wish to grow, microenterprises, and specialty training in agriculture-based ventures, going green, signage and money management.

BizBuilderSC is the expansion of the successful FastTracSC program housed at the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce and is a direct result of increased demand for entrepreneur training across the state. Since 2006, the program has graduated more than 1,400 students in 34 communities across South Carolina.

Newly certified NxLevel® trainers are:

Beaufort – Frank Marcinkoski; Wendy Walls (Technical College of the Lowcountry)

Charleston – Harry Chrissy (Clemson Institute for Economic and Community Development); Peter Lucash; Steve Simmons; Vickie Waller; Mary Dickerson and Laura Williams, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce

Clemson – Jill Burroughs and Ben Smith (SBDC at Clemson University)

Columbia – Darlene Booth-Bell and Michelle Dugar (Benedict College); Ashleigh Brooker and Elizabeth Smith (South Carolina SBDCs); Nathalie Gregg; Tom Ledbetter (Midlands Technical College); Will Culler (Clemson Institute for Economic and Community Development)

Conway – Janet Graham (SBDC at Coastal Carolina University)

Florence – Mike Bell, Christian Tyler (SBDC at Florence-Darlington Technical College)

Greenville – Devin Swindall (Clemson Institute for Economic and Community Development)

Newberry – Paul Smith (Newberry College)

Rock Hill – Diane Hockett

For more information on BizBuilderSC classes, please visit <http://www.bizbuildersc.com> or contact Laura Williams at 843.805.3102 or williams@charlestonchamber.org.

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