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## Press Release

### **Edible Lab Launches to Catalyze Hands-On STEM Learning** *‘Made in Georgia, Ready for Global Export’*

**ATLANTA, GA** – The most recent launch of the S.M.A.R.T Community Exchange pioneers a different way of learning, while addressing social impact. In recent years, the Eco Commerce Exchange (ECE) has been developing a Living Lab approach to learning. This unique way of learning STEM is through an [Edible Lab](#), a portable Hydroponic, Aquaponic and Terraponic farm. ECE, through its partnership with the Chamber of Eco Commerce, is currently rolling out these Edible Labs in U.S., Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and MENA. There is an existing standard design Edible Lab operating at a private school in Dalton, Georgia by [Hatponics](#). These labs can be tailored to the local issues. Students will learn STEM and economic growth potential.

“We are innovating new way students learn STEM. These Edible Labs are scalable and designed to help address economic challenges in a sustainable way. The Labs, which are run by a school, are designed to provide schools and communities with produce, fish, etc. They can be built in inner cities or most remote areas of the world. They have solar panels, which provide consistent power, and use only 10% of water needed to grow food with conventional methods, and therefore reduce the environmental footprint”, says Tana Torrano, Co-Founder, Eco Commerce Exchange.

“Our goal is to catalyze hands-on learning and innovative thinking in classrooms where the need is greatest and to empower schools and communities both socially and economically,” said Minna LeVine, Co-Founder, Eco Commerce Exchange.

ECE is currently pursuing a variety of methods to deliver Edible Labs to schools. There is no one-size-fits-all approach and each lab has to be retrofitted to fit each school. ECE partners with donors and corporate sponsors to expand installation of these Edible Labs in schools and communities. They do this by teaching students STEM, and how to produce food, run a business and sell products to local customers, and provide healthy food for students who need it most. The goal is to create long-term benefits for communities where ECE operates.

ECE is sharing STEM curriculum and projects with educators and students through online classrooms, at no cost to all participants. The organization partners with a range of stakeholders, including schools, enterprises and organizations, to accelerate innovative thinking and learning and to support STEM educators. The S.M.A.R.T Community Exchange (SCE) help ECE connect and support social impact. Edible Lab in STEM learning is unique and requires ongoing reinforcement and entrepreneurial mind-set, partnerships with a wide variety of organizations and people from different backgrounds.

For more information about Edible Labs go to [S.M.A.R.T Community Exchange](#), [TransAtlantic Education Leadership Exchange](#), or contact Tana Torrano at 256.520.7544 or [Tana@EcoCommerceExchange.com](mailto:Tana@EcoCommerceExchange.com).

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### **About Eco Commerce Exchange (ECE)**

The ECE brings together individuals and organizations through a powerful global platform to drive more sales and investment in Eco Innovation. The ECE believes that a viral community of experts, leaders, and learners working together will provide balanced and effective solutions for Business, Environment, and Society. For more information go to [www.EcoCommerceExchange.com](http://www.EcoCommerceExchange.com)

### **About Chamber of Eco Commerce (CEC)**

Chamber of Eco Commerce (ECE), headquartered in Atlanta, with international network of Eco Commerce Hubs across continents, is the world's leading Eco Commerce management, business development and marketing alliance. Its portfolio encompasses new technology, partner projects and initiatives.

Over its history, the CEC brand has become synonymous with Eco Commerce, and has earned the loyalty of many individuals and organizations worldwide. Business and policy leaders have come to rely on the brand to deliver critical information and services - collectively known around the world as the Eco Commerce Exchange (ECE). For more information go to [www.ChamberofEcoCommerce.com](http://www.ChamberofEcoCommerce.com)