

News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)

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SC Tech College System Awarded Grant

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that the South Carolina Technical College System has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The \$496,750 grant will enable the state's technical colleges to acquire distance learning equipment and expand their capacity to deliver distance learning courses and programs. In particular, interactive video equipment will connect each campus with the state office.

Spratt is a strong supporter of distance learning who urged the House Appropriations Committee to fund the program. "Thanks to distance learning," said Spratt, "students who previously were unable to attend classes because of distance or finances can now take classes locally through the Internet, from teachers located many miles away." He said an expanded program would "greatly enhance the teaching and communications capabilities of each of South Carolina's 16 technical colleges and improve access to advanced technical training for many citizens in needy areas of my district."

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