

*You are receiving this email because you asked to receive occasional updates on our Innovation 5 project.*

This is the ninth update we are providing to keep you up to date on our progress on Innovation 5. You can always find more information about Innovation 5 at our website, <http://innovation5.org>, including photos and brief biographies of our planning team members. You can also follow us on Twitter @innovation\_5, go to our [YouTube channel](#) or like and follow us on [FaceBook](#).

## **A favor to ask**

We would like to ask each of our supporters who is a Facebook user to please like the [Innovation 5 page on Facebook](#) (the direct link is <https://www.facebook.com/innovation5lansing>). We use our Facebook page to provide links to interesting stories about new technologies and news about the maker community locally and globally that you may find interesting. Or, you might like the recent post of a picture of a 3D-printed kitten (joke alert!).

## **News from the NSF ATE PI Conference**

I attended the 2013 National Science Foundation Advanced Technology Education Principal Investigator's conference in Washington DC in late October. I was there as part of another NSF program called [MentorLinks](#). I had lots of opportunities to network with experts involved in additive manufacturing and STEM education.

## **On the road again**

I was on the road for much of November and along the way I had the opportunity to visit a number of hands-on science museums, including the granddaddy of them all, the [Exploratorium](#), which has an amazing new facility on Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco. If you are in the area plan to spend a full day there and next door at the Ferry Building which houses an amazing collection of restaurants and food stores.

I also visited the [Lawrence Hall of Science](#) in Berkeley, the [California Science Center](#) in Los Angeles and a really unique makerspace/artist's coop devoted to large-scale metal artists, [American Steel Studios](#). You can read more about my visits on our webpage at <http://thomas-deits.squarespace.com/news/>.

## **Progress on funding plans**

Thanks to our team's strong performance at the 2013 GLEQ Social Entrepreneurship conference, Innovation 5 was given the opportunity to consult with a professional fundraiser and to receive training in social entrepreneurship leadership. I am happy to report that our fundraiser considered the project very timely and that our progress to date was exceptional, particularly our network of colleagues and supporters like you. We are now developing our funding presentation, identifying appropriate funding agencies and sitting down with Impression 5 staff to develop tentative floor plans for Innovation 5.

## **Innovation 5 Webinar online**

As a part of our Regional Economic Innovation co-learning project, we presented a webinar on Innovation 5. The webinar is now available online if you would like to listen. The link is <http://www.reicenter.org/projects/current-projects> . Our final report on the project should also be posted at this link soon.

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