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## SC's first hydrogen fueling stations open

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State officials say South Carolina is quickly becoming a leader in hydrogen fuel technology.

A national conference on hydrogen technology opens Monday and is expected to bring about 1,000 researchers, entrepreneurs and others to Columbia. The state's first hydrogen fueling stations also opened Monday with ribbon-cutting ceremonies in Aiken and Columbia.

South Carolina House Speaker Bobby Harrell said the state is leading the way in developing hydrogen into the nation's next viable energy source. He said the hydrogen fueling station in Columbia could represent the gas stations of tomorrow.



South Carolina Research Authority CEO Bill Mahoney said plans are under way to open at least two other fueling stations within the next two years.

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