Katz to speak at Upstate SC Alliance

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Staff report

Bruce J. Katz, a vice president of the Brookings Institution and the founding director of its Metropolitan Policy Program, will be the speaker Wednesday at Upstate South Carolina Alliance Annual Meeting Luncheon.

Katz is also the co-author of "The Metropolitan Revolution," a collection of his work on the metropolitan-led "next economy" which seeks to produce quality jobs though innovation, exports and sustainability.

"Upstate South Carolina provides a great example of a U.S. region that is positioning itself well for the 21st century economy through a clear focus on connecting workforce development programs to innovative manufacturing sectors," Katz said.

"Local leaders are maintaining global competitiveness not only by attracting foreign investment but also by helping small- and mid-sized manufacturing firms export their goods internationally. Metropolitan areas around the country could learn from their strategic leadership," he said.

The annual meeting luncheon is attended by business and government leaders from the 10-county Upstate region. The event will open to the public and will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the TD Convention Center in Greenville.

Tables of eight are $800 or individual tickets are $150 and can be purchased by calling 864-235-8330 or visiting upstatescallianceannualmeeting.com.