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**Great Minds in STEM™ Partners with Lockheed Martin Corporation For
Viva Technology™ Program in Orlando, Florida**

Monterey Park, CA, April 27, 2016 – Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) will partner with Lockheed Martin Corporation to showcase a three-part Viva Technology program at Liberty Middle School in Orlando, Florida on April 28-29. This will be the first time the school will host a program.

Viva Technology™ is a GMiS national K-12 education program designed to engage students, teachers and parents with STEM challenges that stimulate their interest in the applications of technology and provide a STEM-focused career pathway. The first part of the program will begin on Thursday, April 28, with the teacher component, which will present educators with STEM resources to enrich their classroom environment. Teachers will have the opportunity to hear from Lockheed Martin Program Management Vice President, Sandra Samuel. The second part of the program will arm parents with the information needed to help encourage their children to excel in math and science and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists. Parent night guest speaker, Pedro Nieves, Lockheed Martin QA Engineering Senior Manager, will be in attendance.

On Friday, April 29, approximately 120 students in grades 6-8, will take part in Viva Technology™ Student Day. Selected students will experience a full day of STEM project-based exercises that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. Local STEM college students will be on-hand to serve as College Captain near peer mentors and help their assigned teams through the challenges. The day's keynote speaker will be Laura Garrison, a Senior Systems Engineer from Lockheed Martin Corporation.

About Great Minds in STEM™

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County with a 28-year history of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national STEM awareness programs especially to underserved communities. Through the GMiS network, academic, career development and mentoring opportunities are offered to students who are underrepresented in STEM fields. The organization is focused on working to build a diverse 21st Century STEM workforce in which all citizens contribute to innovation and experience prosperity.