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**Great Minds in STEM™ and Motorola Solutions Foundation Collaborate for a Viva Technology™ Program in Miami, Florida**

*Over a Decade of Partnership in Educational Programs*

*Monterey Park, CA, March 31, 2016* – Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) and Motorola Solutions Foundation continue to strengthen over a decade of collaboration, by showcasing a Viva Technology™ program at Highland Oaks Middle School on March 31 and April 1. Highland Oaks is a public school in Miami, Florida and has 1,216 students and 56 teachers. This will be the eleventh program conducted at the middle school.

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. A parent orientation session will be held on Thursday, March 31, which will lend information to help parents encourage their children to excel in math and science and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists. Parents will also have the opportunity to hear from Motorola Solutions Inc. Software Resource Manager, Manuel J. Leon.

On Friday, April 1, approximately 120 middle school students will take part in Viva Technology™ Student Day where they 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 from Miami Dade College and Florida International University will serve as College Captain near peer mentors, guiding their teams through the various challenges. Product Operations Manager, Carlos Olmedo of Motorola Solutions Inc., will serve as the day's keynote speaker.

**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.

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