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Great Minds in STEM™ and Motorola Solutions Foundation Returns to Chicago, IL for Viva Technology™ Program

Monterey Park, CA, April 28, 2015 – Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) and Motorola Solutions Foundation will return to Annie Keller Regional Gifted Center (AKRGC) in Chicago, IL to showcase a 2-Part Viva Technology™ program on April 30th and May 1st.

As part of GMiS' national K-12 education programs, Viva Technology™ aims to engage students, teachers and parents with STEM challenges that foster awareness, build skills in the applications of science and technology and provide a STEM education and career pathway. In conjunction with AKRGC's Math & Science Night, a parent orientation session will be held on Thursday, April 30th, which will lend information to help parents encourage their children to excel in math and science and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists.

On Friday, May 1, approximately 100 middle school students will experience a full day of STEM project-based exercises that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. Teams of middle school students will be led by local STEM college students from Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago State University and University of Illinois at Chicago, who will serve as their College Captain near peer mentors and guide them through the various trials. On-hand to greet and address students will be a panel of professionals from Motorola Solutions. They are Erika Navarette, Senior Assistant Engineer; Ramon Vanegas, Project Manager; Linda Ng, Sr. Program/Portfolio Manager; Marcelo Marcaggi, Principal Staff Support Engineer; and Aaron Robinson, Senior Staff Software Engineer.

About Great Minds in STEM™

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County with a 27-year history of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national STEM awareness programs for students, parents and teachers in 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. For more information please visit www.greatmindsinstem.org.

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