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**Great Minds in STEM™ and Lockheed Martin Corporation Showcase
Viva Technology™ Program in Marietta, GA**

Monterey Park, CA, April 4, 2016 – For the second consecutive year, Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) and Lockheed Martin Corporation showcased a three-part Viva Technology program at Smitha Middle School in Marietta, Georgia on March 24-25.

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 teacher component presented educators with STEM resources to enrich their classroom environment. The parent portion provided information to help parents encourage their children to excel in math and science and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists. Parent night guest speaker, Mr. Adrian Rivera, Multi-Function Quality Senior Manager, from Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, was on-site to interact with parents and stated, “I wish my son’s school had what Great Minds in STEM is providing for your students – you are all very lucky,” in regards to the program.

Viva Technology™ Student Day, was carried out on Friday, March 25 and hosted approximately 120 middle school students who experienced a full day of STEM project-based exercises that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. Local STEM college students served as College Captain near peer mentors guiding the teams through the challenges. Lockheed Martin volunteers as well as guest speakers Ms. Rolizmar Vega-Sanchez, Operations Leadership Development Program and Mr. Taze Lamb, Embedded Software Engineer SR, also from Lockheed Martin, were on-hand to speak and engage with the students.

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.