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**“MentorNet Joins the Great Minds in STEM™ Family”**  
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Monterey Park, CA – October 1, 2014 - Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) and MentorNet, Inc. announce that they have reached an agreement for MentorNet to become a division of GMiS. Dr. Mary Fernandez will be President of MentorNet and will report to Anna Park, GMiS CEO. All MentorNet contracts and activities will continue uninterrupted. MentorNet provides a scalable platform that combines the technological ease of social networks with the social science of mentoring to connect mentors and STEM students across generational, gender, racial, cultural and socio-economic boundaries.

Chairman Ray Mellado commented “We are excited to have MentorNet join the GMiS family of offerings to strengthen our vision of keeping America technically strong especially in our underserved communities.” Chairman Mellado gives special recognition to GMiS Treasurer and Chief Negotiator Rudolf Montiel, PE, President of Metropolitan Capital Partners LLC, and Anna Park, GMiS CEO for their leadership through this process. Chairman Mellado also thanks the GMiS Board due diligence team for all their work.

Robin Evitts, MentorNet Board Chair and Geraldine McGrath, MentorNet Board Secretary will immediately join the Great Minds in STEM Board. Robin Evitts commented “We are delighted to be joining GMiS. We believe that the innovative mentoring platform combined with the GMiS continuum of on-site STEM programming and operational support will provide an outstanding opportunity to accelerate impact to better serve our communities”. Ms. Evitts also thanks the MentorNet due diligence committee and Board for dedicated efforts to launch the upgraded platform and serve the STEM community over the past 17 years. Questions about this announcement can be directed to Mr. Rudolph Montiel, GMiS Board Treasurer, he can be reached at 504-648-1525.

**About Great Minds in STEM™**

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County. GMiS is proud to celebrate 26 years of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) awareness programs for students, parents and teachers in underserved communities; providing opportunities for the academic and career development of underrepresented students and professionals in STEM; and honoring the excellent contributions of our nation's Hispanic engineers and scientists. With a national presence through its education programs as well as its college and professional offerings, the organization is working to ensure that the U.S. maintains its status as the world's technology leader. For more information please visit the Great Minds in STEM™ website at [www.greatmindsinstem.org](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org)

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