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**Great Minds in STEM™ and Motorola Solutions Foundation Bring Viva Technology™ Program to Highland Oaks Middle School Students**

*Monterey Park, CA, February 20, 2015* – Continuing its 11-year partnership, Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) and Motorola Solutions Foundation will showcase a Viva Technology™ program at Highland Oaks Middle School in Miami, Florida on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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. Senior Mechanical Engineers, Anabel Nogueiras and Giovanni Garcia.

On Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, approximately 100 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 Florida International University will serve as College Captain near peer mentors, guiding their teams through the various challenges. Product Planning Section Manager, Martha Lora and Systems Engineer Juan BijKebbe, both of Motorola Solutions Inc., will serve as the day's keynote speakers.

**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 and career development opportunities are offered to students who are underrepresented in STEM fields. Along with GMiS' division, MentorNet, the organization is focused on working to build a diverse 21<sup>st</sup> Century STEM workforce in which all citizens contribute to innovation and experience prosperity. For more information please visit [www.greatmindsinstem.org](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org).

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