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**Great Minds in STEM™ and Edison International Bring Viva Technology™
Student Assembly to Whittier High School**

Monterey Park, CA, February 23, 2015 – In partnership with Edison International, Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) will host a Viva Technology™ Student Assembly at Whittier High School, in Whittier, on Monday, Feb. 23. Since 2005, Edison International has been a continuous sponsor of the HENAAC Scholars Program. The Viva Technology™ event marks an expanded partnership with GMiS' K-12 programs.

Coinciding with National Engineers Week, the event will host approximately 120 high school students who will experience a half-day overflowing with high energy in a unique educational atmosphere. The program maintains the competitive spirit of the Viva Technology™ Student Day and will give students the opportunity to experience science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) project-based exercises that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. Local STEM college students from El Camino College, California State University, Los Angeles and California State University, Long Beach will serve as College Captain near peer mentors, guiding their teams through various challenges. In attendance will be a panel of engineers from Southern California Edison's Transmission & Distribution Division. They are Eric Bradley, Engineer 3; Juan Castaneda, Engineering Manager 2; Ayaka Clark, Engineer 1; and Lindsay Sayers, Senior Engineer.

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.

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 underrepresented students in STEM fields. Along with GMiS' division, MentorNet, 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.

About Edison International

Edison International (NYSE:EIX), through its subsidiaries, is a generator and distributor of electric power and an investor in energy services and technologies, including renewable energy. Headquartered in Rosemead, Calif., Edison International is the parent company of Southern California Edison, one of the nation's largest electric utilities.

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