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Dr. Dan Arvizu Elected Into the National Academy of Engineering
Great Minds in STEM Former Board Member Joins This Prestigious Membership

Monterey Park, CA, February 7, 2014 – Great Minds in STEM (GMiS) is proud to announce that its Chairman of the HENAAC Hall of Fame Peer Review Committee and former board member, Dr. Dan Arvizu is among the recently elected class to the National Academy of Engineering (NAE). Dr. Arvizu is the Director and Chief Executive of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and Chairman of the National Science Board.

According to the NAE, election to its membership is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer. Academy membership honors those who have made outstanding contributions to "engineering research, practice, or education, including, where appropriate, significant contributions to the engineering literature," and to the "pioneering of new and developing fields of technology, making major advancements in traditional fields of engineering, or developing/implementing innovative approaches to engineering education."

Dr. Arvizu is a leading, global expert on renewable and sustainable energy. Since 2005, as director of NREL, he has overseen an R&D budget with a contract value of over \$2.5B. In 2010, Dr. Arvizu was reappointed by President Barack Obama to a second 6-year term, on the National Science Board, which is the governing board of the National Science Foundation, and the national science policy advisory to the President and Congress. In 2012, he was elected as Chairman of the National Science Board.

Dr. Arvizu has been a long time advocate of GMiS and served as a board member for thirteen years, from 2000 - 2013, a past HENAAC Award Winner, he is also a member of the HENAAC Hall of Fame. "Through his leadership, he has helped GMiS in its STEM outreach and awareness efforts to ensure that this country continues to harness the technical talent within its underserved communities and empower students, teachers and parents with the focused effort to achieve greatness in STEM," states Anna Park, CEO and GMiS Board Member, "Dr. Arvizu is an outstanding role model for our Hispanic community and our nation."

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 25 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 contact Julie Magallanes-Guevara, Manager of Public Affairs at (213) 435-9934 or (323) 262-0997 ext. 628 and visit the Great Minds in STEM™ website at www.greatmindsinstem.org.

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