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DR. LUIS MARTIN-VEGA TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE HENAAC HALL OF FAME

Great Minds in STEM™ and the HENAAC Hall of Fame Committee, chaired by Hall of Fame member Linda Cubero, are proud to announce that Dr. Luis Martin Vega has been selected for induction into the HENAAC Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place during the HENAAC Awards Show on Friday, October 7, 2011. The HENAAC Awards Show is the centerpiece of the 23rd Annual HENAAC Conference, to be held October 6-8, 2011 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Great Minds in STEM™ established **The HENAAC Hall of Fame** in 1998 to recognize the world-class achievements of its most accomplished winners. Members of the Hall of Fame have achieved a level of excellence that opens doors to advances in science, technology, engineering and math, and opens minds about the contributions of Hispanics in these fields. With the induction of Dr. Martin-Vega, the Hall of Fame now boasts thirty-one distinguished members. The Hall of Fame Museum Exhibit, which consists of a graphite portrait of each member, is a one-of-a-kind exhibit of our nation's leading Hispanic engineers and scientists.

Dr. Louis A. Martin-Vega is the Dean of Engineering at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. With more than 8,500 students, 700 faculty and staff, and \$129 million in annual research expenditures, North Carolina State's College of Engineering is internationally recognized for the excellence of its research, education and outreach programs. In 2008, the College received an \$18.5 million award from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to establish FREEDM, an Engineering Research Center focused on developing the next generation of distribution and management systems for renewable energy sources.

Dr. Martin-Vega came to NC State in 2006 after spending five years as dean of engineering at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. He has also held several prestigious positions at NSF including acting head of its Engineering Directorate and director of NSF's Division of Design, Manufacture and Industrial Innovation. He has also served as chairman of the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering at Lehigh University, Lockheed Professor in the College of Engineering at Florida Institute of Technology and held tenured faculty positions at the University of Florida and the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez. He is the author or co-author of more than 100 journal articles, book chapters and other publications and has made numerous keynote and related presentations at national and international forums. His research and teaching interests are in production and manufacturing systems, logistics and distribution, operations management and engineering education.

A registered professional engineer in Florida and Puerto Rico, he is a Fellow of the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) and a member of INFORMS, ASEE, Tau Beta Pi, Alpha Pi Mu and Sigma Xi. Dr. Martin-Vega received the Albert

Holzman Distinguished Educator Award from IIE in May 1999 and served as president of IIE in 2007-08. He was also inducted into the Pan American Academy of Engineering in 2002. His efforts in college education and promotion of diversity were nationally recognized in 2000 through his receipt of the Hispanic Engineering National Achievement Award – Higher Education Category from HENAAC. In 2007 he received the Tampa Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) National Hispanic Scientist Award and was named that same year by *Hispanic Business* magazine as one of its 100 Most Influential Hispanics. He was recognized in 2008 as the Outstanding Engineer in North Carolina by the North Carolina Society of Engineers. He received the Industrial and Systems Engineering Alumni Leadership Award from the University of Florida in 2009, the Institute of Industrial Engineers' UPS Award for Minority Advancement in Industrial Engineering in 2010, and is currently on the executive board of the National GEM Consortium.

Dr. Martin-Vega received his B.S. in industrial engineering from the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, an M.S. in operations research from New York University and M.E. and Ph.D. degrees in industrial and systems engineering from the University of Florida.

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