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Great Minds in STEM and U.S. Department of Defense Present “Sneak Peek” Event
GMiS to Celebrate Diversity in STEM! with Howard University Middle School and McKinley Technology Center at the USA Science and Engineering Festival

Monterey Park, CA - April 24, 2014 - Great Minds in STEM (GMiS), in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), will proudly showcase a Viva Technology Program during the 3rd USA Science and Engineering Festival Sneak Peek Friday, on April 25, 2014. The Viva Technology, GMiS flagship K-12 STEM awareness program, will host 160 Washington D.C. students from Howard University Middle School and McKinley Technology Center. This special event themed, *Celebrate Diversity in STEM!*, will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, in Washington D.C.

Students will experience STEM project-based activities that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. DoD representatives, Mr. Clarence Johnson, Director for the Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity and Dr. Laura Stubbs, Director for Defense Science and Technology Future Workforce Scholarship Initiative, will address the students.

Following the Viva Technology Program, students will experience the rest of Sneak Peek Friday, where they will have access to over 3,000 hands-on activities offered by more than 1,000 STEM organizations from around the nation. Sneak Peek is open to school groups, homeschoolers and military families to preview and experience the exhibits before the Festival opens to the general public on Saturday and Sunday.

GMiS is committed to broaden participation in STEM so that students are enabled with the 21st Century skills that are demanded of today's technical workforce. Our long-standing partnership with DoD on STEM outreach to underserved communities continues to help meet our nation's current and future demand for U.S. STEM technical talent and innovation, states Anna Park, GMiS CEO and Board Member.

Viva Technology has served over 100,000 underserved and underrepresented K-12 students, teachers and parents across 18 states and Washington D.C.

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 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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