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**MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, CHICAGO ANNOUNCES FIRST NAMED POSITION THANKS TO GIFT FROM ITW**

**CHICAGO** — The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) has its first named position: the ITW Director of Teaching and Learning.

The donation from ITW to endow a position will help ensure that the critical work of MSI's Center for the Advancement of Science Education will continue. ITW Chairman and CEO E. Scott Santi serves on the Museum's Board of Trustees. Nicole Kowrach is the ITW Director of Teaching and Learning.

"ITW's commitment supports MSI in continuing to inspire the next generation of scientists and innovators," said David Mosen, MSI president and CEO. "Science can be complex, challenging and oftentimes intimidating for both students and teachers. The programs overseen by the ITW Director of Teaching and Learning improve science education in schools by providing educators with proven teaching strategies that make science engaging for students."

Kowrach joined MSI in 2005 and has held the director position since 2010. She leads the development and delivery of programs including science teacher education courses, student field trip experiences and school science leadership supports. With more than 16 years of experience in museum education, she is a regular speaker at national and international science education conferences.

Kowrach has a Master of Science in Anthropology and a graduate certificate of museum studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology from Michigan State University.

**The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI)**, one of the largest science museums in the world, offers world-class and uniquely interactive experiences that inspire inventive genius and foster curiosity. From groundbreaking and award-winning exhibits that can't be found anywhere else, to hands-on opportunities that make you the scientist—a visit to MSI is where fun and learning mix. Through its Center for the Advancement of Science Education (CASE), the Museum offers a variety of student, teacher and family programs that make a difference in communities and contribute to MSI's larger vision: to inspire and motivate children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine and engineering. Come visit and find your inspiration! MSI is open 9:30–4 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas day. Extended hours, until 5:30 p.m., are offered during peak periods. The Museum is grateful for the support of its donors and guests, who make its work possible. MSI is also supported in part by the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, visit [msichicago.org](http://msichicago.org) or call (773) 684-1414 or (800) GO-TO-MSI outside of the Chicago area.

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