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MUSEUM ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR QUALITY SCIENCE TEACHING PROGRAMS

Programs aim to improve the science achievement of Chicago-area students by better preparing their teachers

CHICAGO— Innovative professional development programs for Chicago Public Schools teachers provided by the Museum of Science and Industry will receive \$475,000 in federal funding to help create quality middle-school teachers able to excite their students about science.

“We are grateful to our elected officials for supporting the Museum’s efforts to inspire and motivate all children to achieve their full potential in science and technology,” said David Mosena, Museum president and CEO.

A \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education funds the partnership between the Museum and Chicago Public Schools (CPS). The district will use the funds to support participation of CPS teachers in the Museum’s professional development programs. The grant was provided through U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin’s support for science education.

“President Obama has made it a priority to improve American students’ achievement in science and math education,” Durbin said. “Students are more likely to succeed in science if their teachers are well qualified. Programs developed by the Museum of Science and Industry will continue to equip more teachers with the knowledge and resources to inspire our next generation of scientists and engineers.”

The Museum also will receive \$175,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for its yearlong workshop series. This grant was provided through the support of U.S. Reps. Jesse Jackson Jr. and Jan Schakowsky.

“The Museum’s programs address a critical gap in quality science teaching,” Jackson said. “A teacher cannot motivate a student to excel in science when they lack confidence in science content themselves. These programs directly impact students’ achievement in science.”

The Museum’s programs aim to change the culture of science teaching at schools by building ongoing relationships with teachers and principals. Over half of this year’s schools have previously participated, which allows their teachers to build their knowledge and skills. Programs are offered at no cost to teachers selected to participate.

“CPS is committed to getting quality science teachers in all of our schools and our partnership with the Museum helps move our teachers towards the science teaching endorsements we require,” said Ron Huberman, CEO of Chicago Public Schools. “Equally important is the Museum’s mission that focuses on helping educators teach science effectively by making it an intriguing process of discovery for every student.”

The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) offers thousands of fun and interactive exhibits and one-of-a-kind, world-class experiences to inspire the inventive genius in everyone. Through its Center for the Advancement of Science Education, MSI also aspires to a 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 every day except December 25, and regular hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Museum is supported in part through the generosity of the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, find MSI online at msichicago.org or call (773) 684-1414 or (800) GO-TO-MSI outside of the Chicago area.

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