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Engineer a winning strategy for Design & Build, Great Lakes Science Center's annual competition fundraiser

CLEVELAND (January 11, 2019) – Great Lakes Science Center's hands-on, head-to-head engineering fundraiser Design & Build returns for its eighth annual competition Saturday, February 9 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

On the day of the competition, teams of two to eight individuals are given a design challenge, and all the materials needed to solve it. They must then race against the clock, and the other teams, to see who can design, build and then test the most successful solution to the challenge. Teams compete in one of two categories: Youth (middle through high school students), or Corporate (adult teams or college students). An objective system of points determines the winners. Science Center guests on the day of the event are invited to check out the competition and help cheer the teams on to victory!

"Design & Build is always an exciting event," said Science Center President & CEO Dr. Kirsten Ellenbogen. "It is impressive to see the creative spirit of our youth teams and the strength of the competition among our corporate teams. Last year's challenge was tough, but Telos Alliance came out on top in the corporate division and one of the teams from the Science Center's Great Science Academy won the youth division. We're looking forward to another unique design challenge for this year's event!"

Design & Build gives the community the opportunity to engineer victory and construct a brighter future fueled by STEM learning. Your organization and employees can make a direct impact on the next generation of doctors, engineers, researchers and astronauts! The Design & Build fundraiser is a great opportunity for a corporate team-building exercise, a group outing for a college science club or class, or for families who love a unique challenge. For more information on how to sponsor a team, visit **GreatScience.com**.

Design & Build 2019 is presented by Parker, with support from Ohio CAT and Rockwell Automation.

(Editor's Note: The Science Center's fall/winter operating hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The Science Center is closed on Mondays.)

About Great Lakes Science Center

Great Lakes Science Center, home of the NASA Glenn Visitor Center, makes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) come alive for more than 300,000 visitors a year through hundreds of hands-on exhibits, temporary exhibitions, the Cleveland Clinic DOME Theater, Steamship *William G. Mather*, daily science demonstrations, seasonal camps, and more. The Science Center is funded in part by the citizens of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. Visit **GreatScience.com** for more information.

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