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## **Great Lakes Science Center welcomes Ohio CAT for ‘Meet the Machines’ event August 9-10**

**CLEVELAND** (July 17, 2019) – Get ready for oversized hands-on fun when Ohio CAT brings a collection of construction equipment to Great Lakes Science Center for “Meet the Machines”!

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10, families and kids of all ages will enjoy getting up close with construction equipment from Ohio CAT. Machines on display will include a backhoe loader, excavator, compact track loader, wheel loader, trucks and the new Cat utility vehicle. Guests can climb up and get behind the wheel of a machine, test their skills in an Ohio CAT equipment operation simulator, and check out live demonstrations in the Science Center’s Force and Motion and Break It science shows.

Hands-on activities include Make it Move, which challenges guests to move an object using a simple machine which provides a mechanical advantage and superhero-like strength! Complete a circuit and learn how energy gets work done at the Power Up activity station, and take the controls of a robot and maneuver it through a miniature city in a Robot Warriors activity.

Ohio CAT ([www.OhioCat.com](http://www.OhioCat.com)) is the authorized Caterpillar dealer for Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeastern Indiana and has served the equipment and power system needs of local businesses since 1945. Ohio CAT participates in the “I Build America -- Ohio” initiative which seeks to raise awareness about the construction industry and help build the future workforce needed to fill these important jobs in our community.

“We need to encourage student training and education in construction, and we need to publicize the career opportunities which are available in the construction industry,” said Ken Taylor, president of Ohio CAT. “The first step in attracting young people into the industry is by changing their perceptions.”

All activities are included with paid general admission. For more information, visit [www.ibuildamerica-ohio.com](http://www.ibuildamerica-ohio.com).

*(Editor’s note: The Science Center has returned to its seven-day-a-week summer operating hours. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.)*

**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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