Museum of Discovery and Science and Other Florida Science Centers & Museums Advocate for STEM Education on STEM Day at the Florida Capitol – Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Fort Lauderdale, FL – February 8, 2018 – On Tuesday, February 13, 2018 the Museum of Discovery and Science, in addition to leaders from science centers and museums from around the state, join Orlando Science Center and the Motorola Solutions Foundation for a press conference at 11 a.m. to launch the 2018 STEM Day at the Florida Capitol. This event is a showcase for Florida’s science centers, museums and partners in education to promote how collaborations create iconic experiences that energize science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) learning.

“Science museums are working diligently to inspire a passion for science and discovery in the millions of visitors who explore our exhibits, and participate in our programs each year in the state of Florida. As a critical part of the STEM pipeline we are ensuring that children take those first steps in science, that young professionals engage with science in new and exciting ways and that community partners are provided access to our innovate programs,” said Museum of Discovery and Science President/CEO Joe Cox.

Technology displays and science demonstrations will be featured throughout the Capitol until 3 p.m. STEM Day at the Capitol is your chance to discover the important role science centers and museums play in facilitating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education, which is helping to build tomorrow's technology workforce. Science Centers and museums light the spark of curiosity, promoting STEM careers and instill important 21st Century skills through engaging hands-on programs.

"For over a decade, the Motorola Solutions Foundation has been proud to support STEM education to prepare students for Florida's future high-tech jobs," said Matt Blakely, executive director of the Motorola Solutions Foundation. "Our Motorola Solutions Foundation grants for FIRST Robotics and other STEM-based activities provide the foundation for today's students to become tomorrow's innovators and change makers."

WHO: JoAnn Newman, President & CEO, Orlando Science Center
Matt Blakely, Director, Motorola Solutions Foundation
Russell S. Daws, President & CEO, Tallahassee Museum
Representatives from science centers, museums and other educational institutions across the state

WHEN: Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Press Conference at 11 a.m., Demonstrations and Displays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Florida Capitol Courtyard, 400 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399
ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE
The mission of the Museum of Discovery and Science is to provide experiential pathways to lifelong learning in science for children and adults through exhibits, programs and films. Founded in 1976 as The Discovery Center, the nonprofit facility serves approximately 400,000 visitors annually. Major operational support for the Museum is provided through generous support by Leadership Guild members including: JM Family Enterprises, Inc., Jet Blue and Wells Fargo.

The Museum is open seven days a week, 365 days a year; Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. The Museum of Discovery and Science is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, visitors should call 954.467.MODS (6637) or visit our web site at www.mods.org

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