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WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESENTS **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING & MATH EXPO**

ORLANDO, Fla. – WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA (WCF), in partnership with the University of Central Florida College of Engineering and Computer Science, will present STEM Expo, a special event for more than 1,400 Orange County middle and high school students that is designed to introduce careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and pique students' interest in pursuing a STEM career. The event will be held at Cypress Creek High School on November 4 from 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

“Many of our region’s future career opportunities will require STEM-educated workers, so it’s critical that we excite our youth about the possibilities now, so they will pursue the education needed to succeed in one of these fields,” said Nirmala Ramlakhan, vice president of strategic initiatives and research at WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA. “Having a highly skilled STEM workforce will allow the WCF region to remain competitive in the global economy.”

Students from Cypress Creek High feeder schools will attend this event after completing a STEM exploration career assessment that will help them narrow down the type of industries that may interest them. All students will then be assigned a color based on their STEM industry interests, and all employers will be color-coded based on industry. This will allow attendees to easily identify with STEM employers that match their interests.

The Expo will provide information on STEM careers including the education needed and the salaries earned. Students will have the opportunity to interact with more than 20 STEM companies such as SAIC, Northrup Grumman, Boeing, U.S. Army PEO STRI, the United States Navy and Walt Disney World and participate in hands-on exhibits.

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Since development of the STEM program in April 2007, WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA has provided 115 programs to job seekers, students and teachers in Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Sumter counties.

WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA (WCF) is the region's workforce expert and offers innovative solutions to assist Central Florida businesses in today's highly competitive workforce, while providing the tools job seekers need to find or advance in their current career.

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