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Verizon Foundation Awards \$75,000 to Chatham Marconi Maritime Center to Strengthen Student Achievement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

Center to Partner with Educators to Teach K-12 Students About Communications Engineering and Design Through New STEM Curriculum

CHATHAM, Mass. – There is increased demand for students to have strong science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills to be prepared for jobs in a fast paced, knowledge-driven economy. To ensure the talent pipeline is strong, it is critical to reach students with innovative STEM programs early in their educations.

The Verizon Foundation is donating \$75,000 to the Chatham Marconi Maritime Center to partner with the MIT Club of Cape Cod and the Chatham Public Schools to create a program to develop curriculum and teacher training materials in the STEM fields with a specific focus on Communications, Engineering and Design. The goal of the program is to improve the academic performance of students with enhance STEM curriculum in K-12 classrooms.

“School districts face many challenges when introducing STEM into their classrooms,” said Mary Ann Lanzo, Project Director. “Most teachers in our schools today have little exposure to the engineering design process and the technologies that dominate our lives. This program will provide

teachers with the necessary training and mentoring to help them improve STEM instruction and reach students more effectively.”

As the communications industry continues fuel economic growth, the need for qualified STEM is critical to the future of the industry as well as the overall economy.

“A strong communications infrastructure is needed to supporting an ecosystem of businesses that rely on technology to reach suppliers and customers around the world. In addition, most of the job growth will be in STEM-related careers,” said Peter Bowman, Verizon vice president of external affairs. “The Verizon Foundation is pleased to support a program that will give students an advantage by introducing them to important STEM curriculum early in their education.”

About Chatham Marconi Maritime Center

The Chatham Marconi Maritime Center (CMMC) was established in 2002 to play a leadership role in the community in preserving and operating a major component of the former Marconi/RCA wireless receiving station in Chatham, Massachusetts. As the largest marine coastal station in the U.S., Chatham Radio WCC contributed significantly to twentieth century communications history. Exhibits at the Center trace the evolution of wireless communication from its earliest days with Marconi, through the era in the middle of the 20th century when the station was the busiest marine radio station on the east coast, to the present time when wireless devices are ubiquitous in our daily lives. The vision of the CMMC education program is to prepare students for the 21st century by giving them an integrated foundation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics with a special emphasis on communications engineering and design. We believe that the values, attitudes and thinking skills of engineers are essential skills for citizens in our world today.

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