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USA Science & Engineering Festival Postponing April Event in DC ***Public Health Chief Concern for Nation's Largest STEM Event***

WASHINGTON, DC (March 11, 2020)— The [USA Science & Engineering Festival Expo](#), the nation's largest STEM event scheduled for April 23-26 at the DC Convention Center, is being postponed. The postponement includes these events: Festival Expo, X-STEM, Sneak Peek Friday, and Inspire Educators Workshops. The last Festival welcomed over 350,000 attendees, an attendance number that poses too great a risk of exposure and transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

"The health and well-being of our Festival community are of the utmost importance to us. With this in mind, we have decided to postpone the April USA Science & Engineering Festival," explained Marc Schulman, Festival Director. "It's a decision that saddens us but is made with the best interest of the public. We look forward to hosting the event later this year."

At this time, the Festival organizers are actively pursuing new dates for the event, ideally in the summer or early fall of 2020. Designed to inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and innovators, the biennial USA Science & Engineering Festival is a family-friendly expo that allows kids and adults to participate in thousands of exhibits, experiments, and stage shows. Founded by serial entrepreneur Larry Bock to address the severe shortage in science and tech talent, the USA Science & Engineering Festival was developed to spur youth interest in pursuing careers in science and engineering.

Traditionally, the Festival Expo takes over most of the Convention Center, drawing several hundred thousand people, and has over 1,000 hands-on activities. The Expo—a ticketed event which is free for kids—features explorers, astronauts, physicists, inventors, experts in fields like oceanography, climatology, robotics, medical research, neuroscience, space exploration, artificial intelligence, and science celebrities. The Festival kicks off with the [X-STEM Extreme STEM Symposium](#), a "TED-style" event geared toward middle and high school students featuring interactive talks by noted STEM professionals, which is also postponed. The Festival will be issuing refunds for tickets to the USA Science & Engineering Festival's Expo and X-STEM event.

To learn more, visit the Festival website as www.USAScienceFestival.org.