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NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 13, 2023 –The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] today announced a \$1 million investment in [STEM NOLA](#) to support the construction of the organization’s state-of-the-art STEM Innovation Hub. Boeing’s investment will further STEM NOLA’s mission to make science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education more accessible to under-resourced communities.

“Boeing invests in STEM education because it is the rocket fuel that will propel the aerospace industry forward – including our future space programs,” said Ted Colbert, CEO of Boeing Defense, Space and Security. “These bright, young minds will one day take us to new deep space destinations, including Mars and beyond. And with the help of nonprofit partners like STEM NOLA, I know we’re setting the future generation of aerospace leaders on the path to long-term success.”

Later this year, STEM NOLA will break ground on the 40,000-square-foot building in New Orleans East that will serve as the STEM Innovation Hub. The Hub will house laboratory space, classrooms, meeting spaces and 21st-century technology to expose, educate, train and connect students to STEM careers and skills.

Dr. Calvin Mackie, the founder of STEM Global Action (SGA) and STEM NOLA, envisions the new Hub as providing additional opportunities for students to learn the practical applications of STEM.

“We appreciate the support from Boeing and others helping to make this exciting STEM laboratory a reality,” said Dr. Calvin Mackie. “We will be teaching K-12 students how science, technology, engineering and math play major roles in our everyday life. Our goal is to create a destination for STEM innovation, entrepreneurship and workforce development.”

Boeing’s investment in STEM NOLA builds on the company’s commitment to Louisiana. Over the past decade, Boeing has contributed nearly \$20 million to communities across the state. Boeing employs more than 1,100 people in Louisiana, where the company manufactures the core stage and exploration upper stage of NASA’s Space Launch System (SLS).

SLS is the only human-rated rocket that can send the Orion capsule, astronauts, and heavy cargo to the Moon in a single mission. NASA will use the SLS to send the first woman and first person of color to the Moon for its Artemis program.

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For more information about Boeing’s philanthropic efforts, please visit the company’s [Global Engagement website](#).

About STEM NOLA

Founded in 2013 by Dr. Calvin Mackie, STEM NOLA works to eliminate socioeconomic barriers that prevent youth from learning about STEM. The community-driven organization works with educators, parents and other stakeholders to bring interactive activities and immersive learning experiences to children and young teens – all in an effort to diversify the industry and empower the next generation of STEM innovators. Since its inception, STEM NOLA has served over 100,000 students at 5,100 schools across the U.S., and in five other countries.

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