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### **Engineers Week Begins at Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Sunday, February 15, 2009**

#### **IBM, Linbeck, and Lockheed Martin Engineers Partner with Museum to Help Families Explore Engineering Through Hands-on Adventures**

FORT WORTH, TEXAS – The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History will team up with engineers from IBM, Linbeck, and Lockheed Martin during Engineers Week 2009

(February 15 – 21) to introduce guests to engineering concepts through a series of fun-filled, engaging activities.

Beginning Sunday, February 15, guests who visit the Museum's exhibits on the lower level of the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame (1720 Gendy Street) can wrap their brains around engineering concepts by putting their hands to work with real engineering projects. A team of volunteers will work with guests to explain the principles of building construction, optical illusion, flight, and aerodynamics.

"Engineers Week is an exciting annual event for the Museum of Science and History and it is an excellent opportunity for us to partner with some of our area's most important corporate leaders," said Museum Vice President of Education Kit Goolsby. "It is a perfect time for young people to meet professional engineers working in the field and to get a better understanding of what it takes to make a building stand tall or an airplane fly straight," she added.

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Museum guests can interact with engineers while watching fascinating demonstrations, asking questions, or exploring in areas that will include:

- Building the tallest, strongest structures with KEVA® blocks and newspaper
- Building and testing a variety of flying objects
- Engaging in an F-35 computer flight simulator
- Building a thaumatrope optical illusion
- Creating a unique roller coaster for ping pong balls
- Observing “Nature’s Engineers” from the Museum collection

*Please note: not all activities will be available all days during the week.*

Professional engineers will be on hand to work with Museum guests:

Sunday, February 15, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Monday – Friday, February 16-20, from 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17, special extended hours from 2 – 5 p.m.

Saturday, February 21, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Engineers Week activities are free with admission to the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, the temporary home of Fort Worth Museum of Science and History exhibits, including “Living in Space,” as well as its own collection of interactive galleries that reveal the extraordinary courage and the pioneer spirit of the great women of the American West.

Engineers Week is a national event. It comprises a formal coalition of more than 70 engineering, education, and cultural societies, and more than 50 corporations and government agencies, dedicated to raising public awareness of engineers’ positive contributions to our quality of life. Engineers Week promotes recognition among parents, teachers, and students of the importance of a technical education and a high level of math, science and technology

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literacy, motivating young people to pursue engineering careers. Engineers Week was founded in the United States in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers. For more information, visit [www.eweek.org](http://www.eweek.org).

For more information, visit the Museum website at [www.fortworthmuseum.org](http://www.fortworthmuseum.org) or call 817-255-9300.

Dedicated to life-long learning and anchored by its rich collections, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History engages its diverse community through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. The Museum is currently in the process of building a new facility in the heart of Fort Worth's Cultural District. The world-class building, designed by internationally renowned architects, Legorreta+Legorreta, will open in late 2009 and will feature a collection of new exhibits and programs developed by the Museum's staff and a team of nationally recognized designers.