Hess Corporation Announces $250,000 Grant for Gateway to Science – North Dakota’s Hands on Science Center

Grant will support the development of a new energy exhibit and new STEM activities

Bismarck – Brent Lohnes, North Dakota General Manager for Hess Corporation, announced the company’s support of Gateway to Science’s in the amount of $250,000.

A $200,000 capital campaign contribution will help develop and sponsor a landmark oil and gas exhibit in the Transforming Energy section of the new science center gallery. Gateway to Science broke ground for its new building in October and work has begun on the site with an anticipated opening date in 2021.

"We greatly appreciate Hess Corporation's support of the Transforming Energy section in the new science center," said Executive Director Beth Demke. "Investment by industry is important for Gateway to Science to connect students with career pathways."

The Gateway to Science on the Go program will receive $50,000 in support from Hess Corporation. The outreach programming brings hands-on STEM activities to schools and community organizations throughout North Dakota and neighboring states. A set of Hess Toy Trucks and STEM education kits will be incorporated into the educational programs.

“Hess is proud to support Gateway to Science – North Dakota’s hands on science center. We know our grant will help promote STEM education, especially in ways that get children and youth thinking about future careers in the science and engineering.” said Lohnes. “The establishment of a new energy exhibit and the development of new STEM programs will be a huge asset to North Dakota and Hess is proud to be able to support these worthwhile initiatives

Hess Corporation is a leading global independent energy company engaged in the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas. Hess is committed to meeting the highest standards of corporate citizenship and creating a positive impact on the communities where it operates. In the past several years Hess has invested approximately $30 million on community initiatives to strengthen education, workforce development, health and human services as well as support disaster relief. In 2018 alone Hess supported over 40 local community organizations across North Dakota investing approximately $1 million. More information on Hess Corporation is available at http://www.hess.com.

Gateway to Science is located in the Frances Leach High Prairie Arts & Science Complex, 1810 Schafer Street in Bismarck, ND. In addition to an interactive exhibits gallery, they offer STEM educational outreach programs serving people of all ages, including out-of-school time clubs, camps, and free family events. The hands-on gallery is open Monday through Thursday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visit www.gatewaytoscience.org for more information.

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