Cognizant Announces Major STEM Commitment at First-Ever White House Maker Faire

To Support 1.5 Million Hours of Maker Education Programs, Serving 25,000 Children in 200 Communities

TEANECK, N.J., June 18, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Cognizant (NASDAQ: CTSH) today announced that it will triple the size of its 'Making the Future' program to expand and enhance science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education in the country. As part of its commitment to ensuring that the U.S. has a skilled, knowledge-based workforce that can continue to meet the challenges of the global knowledge economy, Cognizant will support 1.5 million hours of 'making' program activities and events to serve 25,000 children in 200 communities by 2017. The announcement was made at the White House's first-ever Maker Faire.

At today's White House Maker Faire, President Barack Obama hosted entrepreneurs, innovators and educators from across the country, representing the future of innovation in America. Participants presented their original ideas and inventions to attendees that included national leaders from government, education, and private sectors along with other stakeholders invested in shaping science and technology policy. The Administration used the event as a platform to announce a call to action to support a Nation of Makers.

In addition to the Maker Faire at the White House, President Obama declared today a National Day of Making. For more information, visit www.whitehouse.gov/makerfaire and follow #NationOfMakers on Twitter.

A recent U.S. Department of Commerce report confirms that America lacks enough STEM workers to meet demand, despite the critical importance of STEM workers to the future of U.S. innovation, competitiveness, and the overall economy. Cognizant's investment in its 'Making the Future' program is designed to promote learning opportunities that are widely accessible, stimulating, enriching, and fun to ensure a skilled, knowledge-based workforce to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. A recent study released by the Research Group at the Lawrence Hall of Science at the University of California in Berkeley documents the rationale of the 'Making the Future' program with promising evidence of the influence of Cognizant's investment in Maker programs across the U.S.

Later this year, Cognizant will release guidelines and supporting materials to mentor organizations on how to effectively participate in and implement 'making' programs and events. To maximize this opportunity, Cognizant will develop a coalition of like-minded organizations committed to expanding 'making' opportunities for more youth in communities across the U.S.

"We are proud to support the President's efforts to drive the future of innovation in America by encouraging STEM education and Maker initiatives," said Francisco D'Souza, Chief Executive Officer of Cognizant. "I believe that children have the talent and passion to spearhead the next wave of global innovation and entrepreneurialism. It is our responsibility to enable them to nurture their talent through 'making' and channel their passion into successful and sustainable STEM-based endeavors that have the potential to drive positive change and improve lives."

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