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Academy of Applied Science announces signature sponsorship with Fidelity Investments, re-brands Young Inventors' Program[®]

CONCORD—The Academy of Applied Science recently announced a partnership with Fidelity Investments on a state-wide program designed to spark creativity, inventive thinking, and imagination in students grades K-8.

The Fidelity Investments Young Inventors' Program[®], presented by the Academy of Applied Science, reaches more than 4,500 students statewide and provides teachers with a positive approach to helping students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills by inviting them to invent solutions to everyday problems. An annual celebration and awards ceremony is held for the student inventors each April.

Fidelity's \$10,000 sponsorship of the program was made possible through the Fidelity[®] Investments Innovation & Technology Initiative. According to Fidelity Investments Regional General Manager Alison Stebbins, sponsorship of the 20-year-old Young Inventors' Program is a testament to Fidelity's commitment to education and workforce development, particularly in the high-tech arena.

“At Fidelity, we recognize the important role technologists play in maintaining our leadership position in the financial services industry,” said Stebbins. “By helping the Academy foster a passion for research, problem solving, and invention at young age, it is our hope that students participating in events like the Fidelity Investments Young Inventors' Program[®] will pursue studies and careers in math and science and eventually become part of New Hampshire's high-tech workforce.” Fidelity's Merrimack, NH Regional Center, which is celebrating its ten-year anniversary in June, is home to more than 4,900 employees. About one-third of those employees work in technology related positions.

The Concord-based Academy of Applied Science administers the program, with participation of 4,500 students in 50 schools each year. “We're proud to be working with a world-class company like Fidelity, said Pamela Hampton, Young Inventors' Program Director. “We are excited about the partnership and its potential to generate additional participation in New Hampshire and other locations, as we consider expansion outside of the Granite State,” Hampton added.

Founded by Robert Rines, The Academy of Applied Science was incorporated in 1963, and is a private nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, chartered for the purpose of promoting creativity, invention and scientific achievement. The Academy is recognized nationally as an educational resource center offering enrichment programs for students, and professional development for teachers and educational administrators. The Academy honors learners of all ages, striving to encourage inventive thinking, productive research and talent development in the disciplines of math, science and the humanities. Additional information is available at <http://www.aas-world.org/>.

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