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TAMPA HOUSING AUTHORITY SELECTED TO HOST A UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY (USMA) AND ARMY RESEARCH LABORATORY (ARL) WORKSHOP

Tampa, FL (*January 11, 2019*) Forty students ranging in ages 14-17, from the Tampa Housing Authority's Rental Assistance Demonstration and Affordable Housing programs will be selected to attend a hands on, full day, interactive seminar which is designed to spark their interest and inspire pursuit of paths that lead to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) careers. Parents and guardians are also invited to participate.

The Tampa Housing Authority will host the 2019 USMA Mobile STEM Workshop as follows:

When: Saturday, January 19, 2019

Where: Glazer Children's Museum (110 W Gasparilla Plaza, Tampa 33602)

Time: 7:30am – 4:30pm

These organizations, (United States Military Academy at West Point and the Army Research Laboratory) are intent on increasing under-represented and under-served minority participation in STEM through service, mentorship and research. The first Mobile STEM workshops were developed by scientists and faculty members from both organizations.

The goal of the workshop is to introduce HUD community students to a STEM pathway from middle-school through college, while providing related leadership opportunities for USMA Cadets and college students. The students will explore hands-on STEM activities that encourage them to work as part of a collaborative team to discover, design and build their workshop project. At the end of each workshop, all teams participate in a competition with awards given to the winning team. All students will be acknowledged for their efforts. This one-day student workshop serves 40 students and is conducted by the United States Military Academy faculty and cadets.

Tampa Housing Authority CEO/President Jerome D. Ryans said, "This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth; I am excited that we were selected to participate in such a prestigious program that will more than likely have a profound effect on their future endeavors."

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The Housing Authority of the City of Tampa promotes the development and professional management of a variety of affordable housing opportunities, facilities and supportive services that nurture neighborhoods and provide economic development and self- sufficiency activities for residents while assuring safe, quality housing for low income families throughout the community.

"Building a World-Class Community, One Family and One Neighborhood at a Time"