Synopsys Donates $75,000 to Regional Science Fair Bolstering Broader Silicon Valley Student Participation

Synopsys' Local Science and Math Education Support Totals $4.5 Million Over Past 5 Years

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Synopsys, Inc. (NASDAQ: SNPS), the world leader in semiconductor design software, is marking its fifth straight year of substantial support to grow and improve science education at local schools in Silicon Valley. Through the non-profit Synopsys Outreach Foundation, Synopsys has supported more than 136,000 local students engaged in hands-on science education since 1999. To date, Synopsys has donated $4.5 million to help provide schools with materials and equipment, teacher training seminars and support, advanced science classes and a research facility.

Synopsys' support includes an annual donation to sponsor the Synopsys Silicon Valley Science & Technology Championship, the regional science fair in Silicon Valley. Public viewing of the regional fair will take place on Wednesday, March 17, 2004, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The company's efforts over the years have contributed to significant changes in the regional fair as demonstrated by a 25 percent increase in local student participation, community involvement and support. Since 1999, participation in the Championship has grown to include more than 65 schools and in San Jose's East Side Union High School District alone, participation in the Championship has grown 400 percent.

"Synopsys is an exemplary leader in support for our community and science education," said Susan Hammer, chief executive officer, Synopsys Outreach Foundation. "That support has been especially vital in this time of budget cutbacks in education."

"Innovative programs like the Synopsys Outreach Foundation support our vision of inspiring the next generation of technology leaders by fostering students' interest in science and math," said Rich Goldman, vice president of Strategic Market Development at Synopsys, and chairman of the Synopsys Outreach Foundation. "We want to help ensure that students will be prepared for the workforce of the future so that the U.S. can continue its leadership in technology. By investing in students for the long term, we hope to offer them greater opportunities to become the technology leaders of the next generation."

The Synopsys Championship, administered by the Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair Association, which will be held at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center on March 16-17, 2004, is expecting 900 students participating this year. Grand prize winners in grades 9-12 from the Championship will advance to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair to compete with students from the United States and 50 other countries for scholarships, tuition grants, internships, scientific field trips and a trip to the 2004 Nobel Prize ceremonies in Sweden. Other winners in grades 6-12 will have an opportunity to participate in the California State Science Fair.

About Synopsys Outreach Foundation

The Synopsys Outreach Foundation works to promote project-based learning among students and teachers in Silicon Valley and encourages participation in science fairs. Founded in July 1999, the Synopsys Outreach Foundation offers a program of teacher grants and training, grants to schools for materials and equipment, administrative support, project supplies, and a series of incentives for teachers and students who are developing science projects for competition. For more information, visit the Synopsys Outreach Foundation at http://www.outreach-foundation.org/ .

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