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LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO BENEFIT FROM BIG RED KENO STEM-ENRICHMENT GRANT

(LINCOLN, Neb.) Mar. 27, 2018 – Big Red Keno recently announced the award of \$57,000 to six youth-serving organizations that will impact 13 schools in eastern Nebraska through its 2018 Science & Math Program. The program supports the enrichment of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education opportunities.

“Big Red Keno’s Science & Math Program is now in its third year, and we are impressed once again at the resourcefulness and creativity of Nebraska educators in their strategies to engage youth in science and math,” Dan Pankow, Big Red Keno president and CEO, said. “It’s important to us to support these activities that enhance STEM education and ultimately strengthen our communities.”

The grant supports Beyond School Bells, Nebraska’s statewide afterschool and summer learning network, in bringing a Think, Make, Create (TMC) Lab to the Lincoln Public School District. The TMC is a fully equipped, enclosed trailer that provides a full range of STEM supplies supporting pop-up tinkering, making, creative play and learning. The TMCs were given by Beyond School Bells to Civic Nebraska to support the students at two Lincoln schools; each school’s launch party will present visitors a first look into what a TMC offers. Civic Nebraska works to create a more modern and robust democracy for all Nebraskans through initiatives including youth civic leadership programs in K-12 schools.

Dawes Middle School (5130 Colfax Ave.) will host a launch party on April 19 from 4 to 5 p.m. A second launch party will take place at Campbell Elementary School (2200 Dodge St.) on April 24 from 4 to 5 p.m. The public and media are invited to attend.

“The TMC will provide a mobile platform able to serve any group or organization for any length of time with high quality, engaging, hands-on activities,” said Director of Civic Engagement Program for Civic Nebraska Kent Day. “It is a dynamic unit with the capacity to hold customized programming for extended learning opportunity programs of all kinds and for all ages.”

The application process for the Science & Math Program took place in the fall and is open to any community that operates a Big Red Keno location. The six youth-serving grant recipients received grants ranging from \$5,200 to \$7,500, depending on the supplies needed for the proposed project. The grant-supported programs will be executed in the spring with events from March to May. Since Big Red Keno’s Science & Math Program began in 2016, more than \$200,000 has been awarded to 17 different youth-serving organizations.

View all grant recipients and event details at www.bigredkeno.com/science.