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CORPS PARTNERS WITH HENAAC FOR VIVA TECHNOLOGY DAY AT ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

Los Angeles – The Los Angeles District of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has partnered with the Hispanic Engineer Achievement Awards Corporation to provide the Viva Technology program to an East Los Angeles high school. The Viva Technology Day will be held January 28 at Roosevelt High School in Boyle Heights, Los Angeles. Corps' District Engineer, Col. Alex Dornstauder, will address the students during the daylong program.

On Viva Technology Day, 100 ninth-grade students from Roosevelt's Environmental Learning Academy will run through a series of fun and competitive challenges designed to help them learn about engineering and science. Students will have the opportunity to engage their 10 college captains from USC and Cal State-LA in dialogue about college life and personal ambitions. Additionally, students will be able to discuss possible career paths with Corps employees from various engineering fields.

The Viva Technology Day will feature speakers Julio Arocho and Julie Martinez, both civil engineers with USACE. Arocho is an Assistant Director for Military Programs in the Directorate of Research and Development, Headquarters, USACE. In 2004, Arocho was the Chief of Construction Management for the Programs Construction Office in Iraq, managing 2000 projects worth more than \$18 billion. Martinez is the Resident Engineer in the Tucson Office, Los Angeles District, USACE, managing construction projects for Ft. Huachuca, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and the Border Patrol, all in Arizona. She earned a Construction Manager of the Year award for her work in the \$285 million Los Angeles Harbor deepening project.

The program will also include an instructional orientation for the parents of Viva Technology students.

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