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**Emerson awards Challenger Learning Center \$180,000 to help
North County Students Shine**

ST. LOUIS—Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis was awarded \$180,000 from Emerson for its Success Through Aligning Resources in Science (STARS) program to provide intensive, hands-on activities to 7th-10th grade students at Berkeley Middle school and McCluer South-Berkeley High School.

The program will be implemented in the schools starting at the beginning in the fall of 2011 and run through the spring of 2014. In addition to enhancing the students' classroom experience, the program will provide students and teachers guidance, support and resources to help prepare students to enter and participate in local and national competitions and competitive programs

"Emerson is very pleased to provide support to the students at Berkeley Middle School and McCluer South-Berkeley High School through Challenger Learning Center programs. Our future engineers and scientists need more than a spark of interest-- they need a deeper understanding and engagement with meaningful programs that will give them confidence and knowledge to pursue careers in science, technology and engineering ," said Bob Cox, Senior Vice President of Emerson.

The funds awarded will provide support for Challenger Learning Center staff to engage over 600 7th-10th grade students on a regular basis for three academic years. Programs will take place both at the schools and the Challenger Learning Center. Support also includes engagement with local, regional and national competitions and programs. "Ferguson-Florissant School District is thrilled that our students at Berkeley Middle and McCluer South Berkeley High School will be receiving essential 21st century skills through a unique and innovative program created by our national award winning Challenger Learning Center", said Art McCoy, incoming superintendent for the Ferguson-Florissant School District.

About Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis

The award-winning Challenger Learning Center, located at 205 Brotherton Road in Ferguson, Missouri offers simulated space mission and other space education programs for schools, scouts, and corporate groups as well as for the general public. The Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis is a partnership of the Ferguson-Florissant School District, the Saint Louis Science Center and the Cooperating School Districts and is part of the Challenger Center for Space Science Education, an international not-for-profit education organization founded in April 1986 by the families of the astronauts tragically lost during the Challenger space shuttle mission.

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