

## **Consent to Participate in Research**

### **Identification of Investigators & Purpose of Study**

You are being asked to participate in a STEM-CTE (Science, Technology, and Engineering & Math – Career & Technical Education) research study conducted by Karl J. Cureton, Founder and Executive Chairman and Brenda S. Cureton, National STEM Director and Chief of Staff of the National Minority Technology Council (NMTC). The purpose of this study is to find out the extent to which individuals participating in this study will be positively impacted in at least one of the following ways:

1. Increased interest in STEM CTE;
2. Increased job skills in STEM CTE;
3. Increased grades in STEM CTE subjects;
4. Increased participation in job shadowing;
5. Increased placement in internships/practicums/jobs;
6. Increased STEM CTE businesses; and
7. Increased STEM CTE oriented revenue generating contracts, etc..

This study will contribute to the overall strengthening of educational and economical systems domestically and internationally.

### **Research Procedures**

Should you decide to participate in this research study, you will be asked to sign this consent form. This study consists of an array of industry focused educational programs that will be implemented in a variety of settings to include K-12 schools, public/private universities, non-governmental organizations as well as within public and private sector businesses and institutions. The purpose of the study is to increase the economic strength of individuals and families in impoverished, low and middle income communities. Due to the designed based research methodology approach of this study, participants will be recorded using various audio visual technologies.

### **Time Required**

Participation in this study will require different time commitments based upon the specific aspect in which participants enroll. Precise requirements will be provided as necessary

### **Risks**

The investigators does not perceive more than minimal risks from your involvement in this study (that is, no risks beyond the risks associated with everyday life).

### **Benefits**

Potential benefits from participation in this study include increased awareness of STEM CTE, increased job skills, increased income, increased jobs, increased businesses and increased homeownership.



### Confidentiality

The results of this research will be presented at NMTC sponsored events in addition to at various approved governmental, non-governmental and stakeholder sponsored events. Unless otherwise specified and agreed in advance, all individuals participating in this study will be coded in such a way that the participant’s identity will not be disclosed through any resulting publication of this study. The National Minority Technology Council Principal Investigators retains the right to use and publish non-identifiable data. While individual responses are confidential, aggregate data will be presented representing averages or generalizations about the responses as a whole. All data will be stored in a secure location accessible only to the National Minority Technology Council and authorized interested parties.

### Participation & Withdrawal

Your participation is entirely voluntary. You are free to choose not to participate. Should you choose to participate, you can withdraw at any time.

### Questions about the Study

If you have questions or concerns during the time of your participation in this study, or after its completion or you would like to receive a copy of the final aggregate results of this study, please contact:

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### Giving of Consent

I have read this consent form and I understand what is being requested of me as a participant in this study. I freely consent to participate. I have been given satisfactory answers to my questions. The investigator provided me with a copy of this form. I certify that I am at least 18 years of age (or am the parent/legal guardian of participant(s) under 18 years of age.

I give consent to be and/or have my child recorded and/or photographed while participating in this study.

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Name of Participant (Printed)

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Signature of Adult Participant

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Date

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Name of Parent/Guardian

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Name of Researcher (Signed)

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Date