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With generous support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the League for Innovation and TIES cordially invite you to a Learn and Earn Convening being held October 1-2 at the JW Marriott Indianapolis in conjunction with the 2011 STEMtech conference (October 2-5). Industry groups, corporate executives, government officials, and education advocates will convene to discuss how they can help create affordable, practical education pathways that allow more young adults to earn a postsecondary credential that gives them a competitive edge in the workforce. Also discussed will be education programs and policies that enable students to concurrently work and earn their way toward a degree or credential. An agenda for the Learn and Earn Convening is attached.

There are no fees to participate in the Learn and Earn Convening on Saturday and Sunday morning, but you must register for the STEMtech conference if you would like to attend formal conference sessions Sunday through Wednesday. A list of conference sessions and registration information can be found at [www.league.org/2011stemtech/sessions.cfm](http://www.league.org/2011stemtech/sessions.cfm).

National Science Foundation ATE Centers, National Laboratories and Technology Centers, MIT Fab Lab representatives and developmental math innovators and others are invited to participate in the Innovations Pavilion where they can highlight their most significant STEM-related accomplishments. There is no additional fee to participate in the Innovations Pavilion, which is sure to be a hit among conference participants. See the attached RSVP card for details and additional information.

Please complete and return the attached RSVP form to me by August 15 so we have an accurate count of how many of you will participate in the Learn and Earn Convening, as well as how many of you will participate in the Innovations Pavilion.

Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter and we look forward to seeing each of you this fall in Indianapolis.

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## AGENDA

### Saturday, October 1

- 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Funder's Forum** - An opportunity to meet, share, and discuss ideas with potential funders
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Reception
- 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Networking Dinner

### Sunday, October 2

- 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Learn and Earn Strategy Discussions
- 9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Learn and Earn Strategy Discussions (*Continued*)
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

### Monday, October 3 - Wednesday, October 5

Innovations Pavilion on display.  
Representatives will man exhibits Monday from 12:00 - 1:00