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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Sun, Earth, Universe

The Discovery Center of Idaho has been awarded a copy of the Sun, Earth, Universe exhibition!

**Boise, ID** - The *Sun, Earth, Universe* exhibition is now on display at the Discovery Center of Idaho as part of a nationwide effort designed to engage audiences in the awe-inspiring fields of Earth and space science.

Packed with engaging, hands-on interactive exhibits and dazzling imagery, this 600-square-foot exhibition will connect visitors with current NASA science research and launch them on a journey to explore the universe! How is Earth changing? What is it like on other planets? Does life exist beyond Earth? What's happening on the Sun, and how does it affect us? *Sun, Earth, Universe* is a new exhibition about our planet, the solar system, and the universe, and the big questions NASA is trying to answer about each.

Sun, Earth, Universe includes fun and compelling exhibits for visitors of all ages. Follow the design-build-test cycle of engineering and build a model spacecraft for your own mission to space. Spin a tumbler of 10,000 beads, representing all of the stars we can see from Earth to search for the unique one that represents our Sun. Reveal hidden images using the same tools NASA scientists employ to explore the otherwise invisible forces and energy of the universe. Take a break in the seating area and play the Your Mission to Space board game, or help younger visitors pilot rovers across the Mars landscape play table. These fun experiences (and many more!) introduce visitors to ongoing NASA research in the fields of heliophysics, Earth science, planetary science, and astrophysics, and encourage them to imagine what the future of Earth and space science might hold.

The *Sun, Earth, Universe* exhibition was created through a project led by Arizona State University, in collaboration with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The *Sun, Earth, Universe* exhibition was developed by a team led by the Science Museum of Minnesota, and fifty-two copies will be fabricated and distributed nationwide by the National Informal STEM Education Network (NISE Network).

## **Sponsors**

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The National Informal STEM Education Network (NISE Network) is a national community of informal educators and scientists dedicated to fostering public awareness, engagement, and understanding of current science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). http://nisenet.org/about

## **About the Center**

The Discovery Center is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization. The museum is an interactive science center featuring exhibits and educational programs that offer authentic, sensory experiences making science, technology, engineering, and math tangible for people of all ages and from all walks of life. As Idaho's only hands-on science center, the Discovery Center creates a community that is more scientifically literate, curious, and empowered to explore.

## **Admission Prices & Hours**

Admission prices will be FREE for members, \$18 for adults 18+, \$17 for seniors 65+, \$16 for youth 2-17, FREE for children under 2. \$1 discounts for active military and veterans. We're open 10am to 4:30pm Monday-Saturday and 12pm to 4:30pm on Sundays.

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