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XTO Energy Encourages CIS Girls to Explore Engineering

TARRANT COUNTY – More than 40 middle-school girls will be innovators for a day as they learn about the exciting aspects of engineering careers during XTO’s inaugural Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day program on Thursday, Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be held at XTO’s Bob R. Simpson building, located at 110 W. 7th Street in downtown Fort Worth.

Participating schools include:

- Azle Junior High (Azle ISD)
- Santo Forte Junior High (Azle ISD)
- Charles Baxter Junior High (Everman ISD)
- Uplift Mighty Preparatory (Fort Worth charter school)

The students will take part in hands-on activities designed to showcase the fun and unique applications of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) that help solve everyday problems. XTO employees will demonstrate creative and collaborative aspects of engineering, including some of the world’s most important innovations.

Employees also will serve as on-site mentors, leading experiments such as Marshmallow Mania and Raft Rally.

“XTO Energy is working to build the next generation of engineers by introducing students to the marvels of this field,” said Anna Scanlan, an XTO planning advisor. “We want to demonstrate that engineering careers are not only exciting, rewarding and diverse, but also offer opportunities to make a difference. Whether creating advanced technologies or developing new medicines, engineers are positively changing the world.”

The need to engage girls in math and science studies, and eventually careers, is critical. Although women comprise about half of the U.S. workforce, according to a report by the Congressional Joint Economic Committee, women comprise only 14 percent of the engineering workforce and represent just 27 percent of mathematics and computer-science professionals.

About XTO Energy

XTO Energy, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil, is a leading natural gas and oil producer in the U.S. with expertise in developing tight gas, shale gas, coal bed methane and unconventional oil resources. XTO has operations in all major U.S. producing regions. XTO has a reputation for efficient resource development, environmental stewardship and community involvement, with a particular commitment to building job readiness to meet the growing challenges and requirements of our domestic natural gas industry.

About Communities In Schools

Communities In Schools of Tarrant County is a 501c3 non-profit that is part of a national network of CIS programs serving more than 1.2 million students. CIS serves Tarrant County students who are identified by their schools as most at-risk of dropping out. CIS serves not only students, but their families, assessing their unique needs and working with more than 80 community partner organizations to connect the students with the resources they need to address a wide range of issues. The mission of CIS is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. For more information, please visit www.cistarrant.org or call 817-446-5454.