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Omron Foundation Helps Establish the “Omron Robotics and Mechatronics Laboratory” at Northern Illinois University’s College of Engineering

SCHAUMBURG, IL (April 18, 2013)—The new Omron Robotics and Mechatronics Laboratory at Northern Illinois University’s College of Engineering and Engineering Technology (CEET) will be unveiled during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, April 19th from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.

Omron Foundation has donated both equipment and funding to create the new lab which will enhance instruction for mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering students, and enable collaboration on coursework and senior design projects. With the addition of this lab, students will gain exposure to Omron technologies, allowing them to explore machine control, motion, vision and safety disciplines in the mechatronics field. Additionally, Omron SYSMAC technologies will be available to conduct new cutting edge industrial automation and robotics research within this laboratory.

Omron Foundation is proud of its longstanding support of NIU engineering students, beginning in 1989 with the establishment of the Omron Foundation Electronic Engineering Scholarship Fund. The foundation has supported various student engineering endeavors including Engineers without Borders, and continues to do so today with the establishment of this new laboratory.

“On behalf of the Omron Foundation, we are delighted to have this chance to work with NIU CEET on this project,” said Nigel Blakeway, President of Omron Foundation Inc. and CEO of Omron Management Center of America, Inc. “We very much hope that the Omron Robotics and Mechatronics Laboratory will be at the pinnacle of developing a new generation of engineering talent for the Midwest. We are truly grateful for our partnership with NIU CEET in this respect.”

Omron Foundation congratulates NIU CEET on its continued efforts to provide robust theory and practical application of engineering concepts with this new Robotics and Mechatronics lab.

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