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The Discovery to Unveil Brand New Spark!Lab

- The Smithsonian Institution Spark!Lab National Network brings hand-on Invention and Learning –

(Reno, NV) The Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum (The Discovery) is excited to announce their newly remodeled and upgraded Spark!Lab. The Spark!Lab is in partnership with the Smithsonian, and The Discovery is the first location opened outside the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The newly remodeled lab will officially reopen to the public Saturday, October 1.

“We are honored to be a part of this program with the Smithsonian,” said Mat Sinclair, executive director. “Having this partnership with such a recognizable and respected institution, allows us to bring the best learning experiences we can to our community.”

The new space will be much more immersive and hands-on, but will still focus on entrepreneurship and invention. The Spark!Lab theme through November will be “Women in Invention.” Activities will look at women, locally and globally, who have created ground-breaking inventions. A few of the female inventors profiled include Dr. Ellen Ochoa, Bette Nesmith Graham, and local inventor, Joey Mares, who created the Peep No More restroom stall occupancy indicator.

Originally opened at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History in 2008, Spark!Lab is the flagship educational initiative of the Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation.

Spark!Lab is a dynamic learning space where learners of all ages can create, innovate, collaborate, problem-solve, and invent. Through hands-on activities, they learn about the invention process, inventors and inventions in American history, and innovations that are changing our world today. Most importantly, they are empowered to create their own inventions and to solve problems in their own unique ways.

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The Discovery creates interest and engagement in science for all. Through unique, hands-on programs and exhibits, The Discovery creates learning experiences that range from simple curiosity to deep understanding, empowering a community of critical thinkers. The Discovery is a locally founded nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. To learn more about The Discovery and how you can help support the museum’s mission, visit www.nvdvm.org.