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Ontario Trillium Foundation Invests in STEM Education for Indigenous Youth and At-Risk Youth

Ottawa, Jan 8 2015/ Actua is a proud recipient of recently announced Ontario Trillium Foundation funding under its "[Promising Young People: Supporting the positive development of children and youth](#)" grant action area. Over the next three years the funding will directly impact the lives of 12,000 Indigenous youth and 10,000 youth facing significant socio-economic challenges.

With this support, over the next 36 months, Actua will be working with its network members at 11 post-secondary institutions throughout Ontario to deliver inspiring science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education outreach programming for Ontario youth. Specifically through its National Aboriginal Outreach Program, Actua will be partnering with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis (FNIM) communities and delivering dynamic STEM workshops and weeklong camp experiences for Indigenous youth throughout the province. In addition, Ontario Trillium Foundation funding will support Actua's work in engaging New Canadians, at-risk youth, and other youth facing significant socio-economic challenges by forging new partnerships with other youth serving organizations.

"We are grateful to once again be receiving support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to grow two key Actua programs and to support the Foundation's overall priority of supporting youth and contributing to their transition to adulthood as successful and contributing citizens. Funding will enable Actua to provide thousands of Ontario youth with opportunities to design, build, experiment and be inspired by their future potential as innovators and leaders," said Jennifer Flanagan, President and CEO of Actua.

About Actua: Actua is Canada's leading science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) youth outreach network. Over 3 million young Canadians have been inspired through their participation in Actua's positive, hands on educational workshops, camps and community outreach initiatives. Each year, Actua's growing network of member organizations reach over 225,000 young Canadians in over 500 communities nationwide. Actua's major funders include: Google Canada, Suncor Energy Foundation, GE Canada, Ontario Trillium Foundation, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada and Shell Canada. For more information about Actua, visit www.actua.ca.

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