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Semiconductor Industry Association Hails “Educate to Innovate” Campaign

WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 6, 2010 – The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) today expressed its strong support for the Obama Administration’s expanded “Educate to Innovate” campaign. “The Semiconductor Industry salutes President Obama for his strong support for measures that will improve math and science education in the United States,” said SIA President George Scalise. “The ambitious goal of moving America to world leadership in science and math achievement over the next decade should be a national priority. Successful achievement of this goal will benefit all Americans.

“For more than 50 years, U.S. leadership in technology has been critical to the high productivity of American workers, our continuously improving standard of living, advances in medicine and health care, improved environmental protection, and homeland and national security,” Scalise concluded.

As part of the President’s announced expansion of the “Educate to Innovate Program”, the President highlighted five new public-private partnerships; Intel’s Science and Math Teachers Initiative, Expansion of the National Math and Science Initiative’s UTeach Program, a Commitment of Public University Presidents to Train 10,000 Math and Science Teachers Annually by 2015, the PBS Innovative Educators Challenge and Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowships in Math and Science. The partnerships represent a combined commitment of more than \$250 million in financial and in-kind support to prepare more than 10,000 new math and science teachers over the next five years and will support the professional development of more than 100,000 current teachers in STEM fields.

About SIA

The SIA is the leading voice for the semiconductor industry and has represented U.S. semiconductor companies since 1977. Collectively, the chip industry employs a domestic workforce of approximately 200,000 people. The semiconductor industry is America’s second-largest exporting industry. More information about the SIA can be found at www.sia-online.org.