



"Linking Technology to Solutions"

Fellow ETEBA Members:

Materials and Chemistry Laboratory, Inc. (MCLinc) appreciates ETEBA's decision to donate money raised at the annual Christmas party on Dec. 5 to support the Lab-In-A-Box program. We have supported this program since its inception in 2010. Some of the attributes of the Lab-In-A-Box program that influence us to contribute annually to its support:

1. This is a business/education partnership that grew out of desire to promote STEM education to produce a better-trained workforce for the future.
2. The program is designed to answer needs that were identified by public school educators:
 - a. Need for hands-on science experience
 - b. Emphasis on relevancy with regard to STEM education
 - c. Provision of professional development for teachers to show how to deploy related resources
3. A majority of the funds initially raised to support the pilot program for Lab-In-A-Box came through two local business associations – ETEC and ETEBA.
4. The program has sustained and improved for almost a decade.
5. IT WORKS – students taught with Lab-In-A-Box resources have scored higher on STEM subject standardized tests than students without access to Lab-In-A-Box.
6. The program is supported by a strong partnership of Roane State Community College, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and the business partners and individuals who provide financial support.
7. The program provides resources to many schools in rural areas that have traditionally not had donated funds to enhance educational opportunities.

Please join us in supporting the Lab-In-A-Box program. Your support is decidedly an investment in this region's future. Whether you designate your contribution to be used in a specific school or for the general good of the program, it will be utilized to implement stronger STEM education programs in rural schools in this region.

Donations are made through the Roane State Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization and are tax-deductible.

We thank you, and the students and educators who utilize these resources thank you.

Happy Holidays,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry A. Stephenson', is written above the typed name.

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