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### **Accelerate Learning – STEMscopes Named SIIA Education CODiE Finalist in the Best Science Instructional Solution Category**

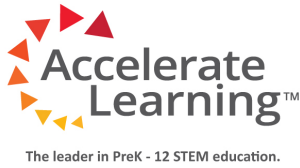
**Houston, TX – April 15, 2015** – Accelerate Learning – STEMscopes has been named a finalist in the 2015 SIIA Education CODiE Awards for its comprehensive online science curriculum, which meets the national Next Generation Science Standards as well as individual state science standards. Accelerate Learning – STEMscopes is one of only five finalists selected in the Best Science Instructional Solution category.

Developed by [Accelerate Learning Inc. the leader in preK-12 STEM education](#), in conjunction with Rice University, STEMscopes is used by nearly two million students across the country. The program can be used either as a core science curriculum or as a supplementary or enrichment resource. The online, inquiry-based curriculum provides digital teacher and student materials and assessments, as well as printed materials and ready-made science kits for each grade level.

The [SIIA CODiE Awards](#) are the premier awards program for the software and information industries, and have been recognizing product excellence for 29 years. The awards have more than 85 categories and are organized by industry focus of Content, Education, and Software. This year's program features 28 Education categories, several of which are new or updated to reflect the latest industry trends. All winners will be announced at the nation's leading education technology conference, the Education Industry Summit, in San Francisco on May 5. Details about each finalist are listed at <http://www.sii.net/codies/2015/finalists.asp>.

"It is vitally important for students to have a solid understanding of the STEM subjects, but for years schools have struggled to find ways to provide engaging, inquiry-based instruction that not only builds a deep understanding in science but connects it to the real world," said Dr. Vernon Johnson, CEO for Accelerate Learning. "This is what STEMscopes is all about, and we are gratified to know that the industry believes, as we do, that our approach is the key to turning students' natural curiosity into a deep appreciation for the sciences."

Built from the ground up to meet today's science standards, Accelerate Learning – STEMscopes works in any classroom regardless of how much technology is available, and it can be used in traditional, blended, and 1:1 classrooms. To save time and make lesson planning easy, STEMscopes unwraps science standards into digestible modules



for students. Using an intuitive dashboard and drag-and-drop system, teachers can select from up to 35 resources per standard to develop their lessons. Within each unit, teachers can quickly review student expectations, key concepts and fundamental questions, and access materials lists and assessments. In addition, up-to-the-minute analytics provide teachers with feedback on each student, so they can accelerate learning or assist struggling students with differentiated activities.

For students, STEMscopes provides an array of hands-on, interactive activities such as scientific investigations, problem-based learning activities, career and content connection videos, games, and interdisciplinary connections. STEMscopes activities help students take ownership of their learning and develop a deeper understanding of the knowledge and skills they need to succeed. To extend learning to the home, STEMscopes also offers a parent and student online portal.

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