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House of the Future Exhibit Showcases Pittsburgh Innovations and Technologies

Sept. 21, 2005 - PITTSBURGH, PA ... What technologies will the "House of the Future" contain? Visitors to this year's SciTech Spectacular at Carnegie Science Center, Sept. 30-Oct.9, will find out when they see a glimpse of what life in the future may be like.

This smart house exhibit contains the latest gadgets, features and comforts of home life to come - many not typically shown in such exhibits and all that relate to research or companies in the Pittsburgh region such as FedEx Ground, Bayer Corporation, U.S. Steel Corporation, PPG Industries Inc., Alcoa, Seagate and more.

Although the flux capacitor technology that makes fictionalized DeLoreans soar is not quite perfected yet, the House of the Future exhibit will feature today's innovations, such as the D-Box Motion Simulator Chair (high-tech seat with motion simulation technology that is synchronized with music and video from your home theater), a robot vacuum, a wall lit from within, plus a preview of what's coming and what's possible in 5 years and beyond, such as an "Intelligent" counter and a talking toilet.

One Pittsburgh innovation that will be in full presence at the House of the Future is the hard disc drives operating many of the technologies. Technologies such as MP3 players, digital video recorders, and gaming devices all have a disc drive at their core storing data to the device. This technology is provided by Seagate's research and development wing in Pittsburgh. Seagate's disc drive innovations for Consumer Electronics include offerings designed to enable applications for the emerging "terabyte life," where digital storage is creating new products and even new lifestyles.

"From automobiles and entertainment, to home theater, handheld audio, video, communications and computing, Seagate's disc drives serve nearly every storage application," said Mark Kryder, chief technical officer for Seagate. "By every key metric - capacity, speed and reliability - Seagate's hard drives make it easy for users to store huge amounts of data, keep larger-than-ever libraries of music, video and digital photos and experience a digital lifestyle."

Visitors to this year's Spectacular can enter a daily drawing for a Seagate 5-GB hard drive.

The SciTech Spectacular is a 10-day celebration of creativity and innovation where visitors experience the region's science and technology accomplishments in a fun, dynamic atmosphere. It's the only event of its kind in the United States. The 6th annual Spectacular takes place Sept. 30 - Oct. 9 at Carnegie Science Center and other venues throughout the region. For more information, visit www.scitechspec.org.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Media preview tours of the House of the Future exhibit are available Sept. 28-Sept. 30. Please call 412.237.3335 to arrange a tour or schedule an interview.