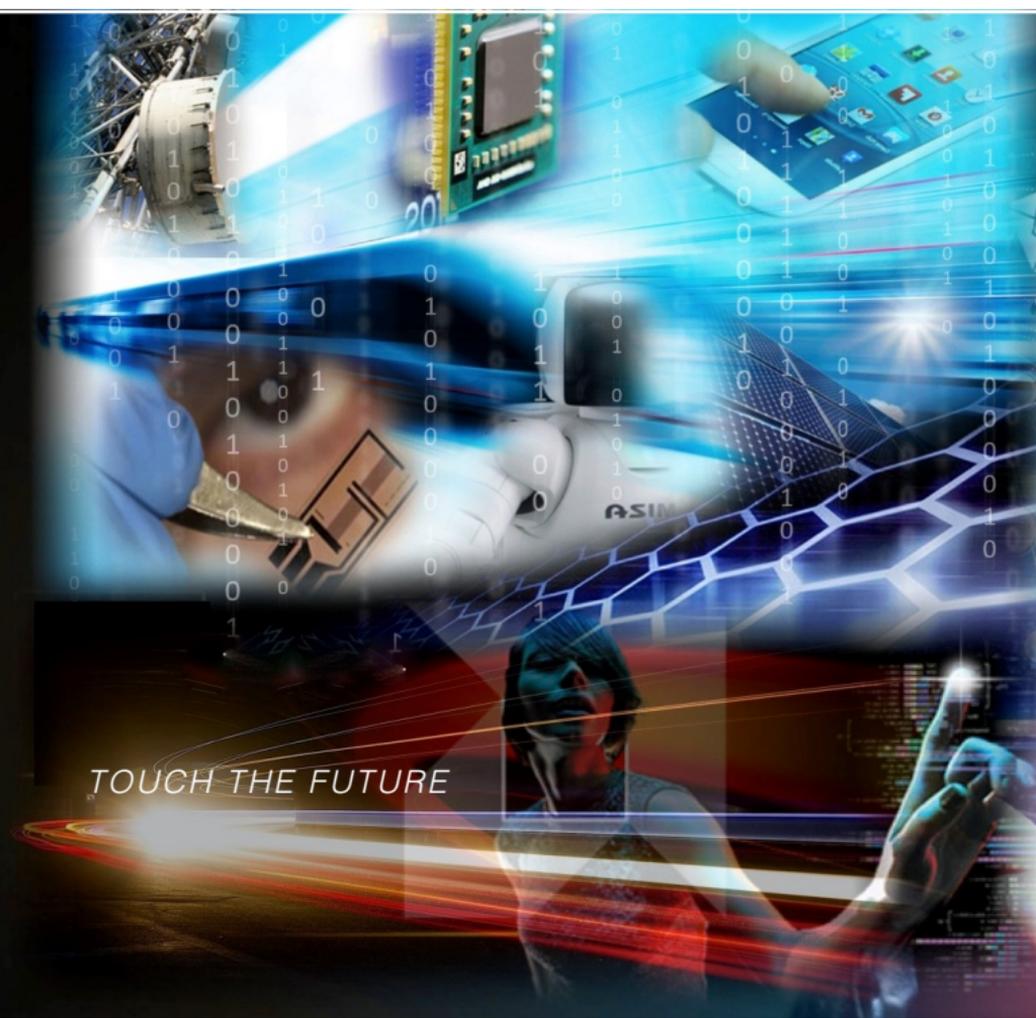




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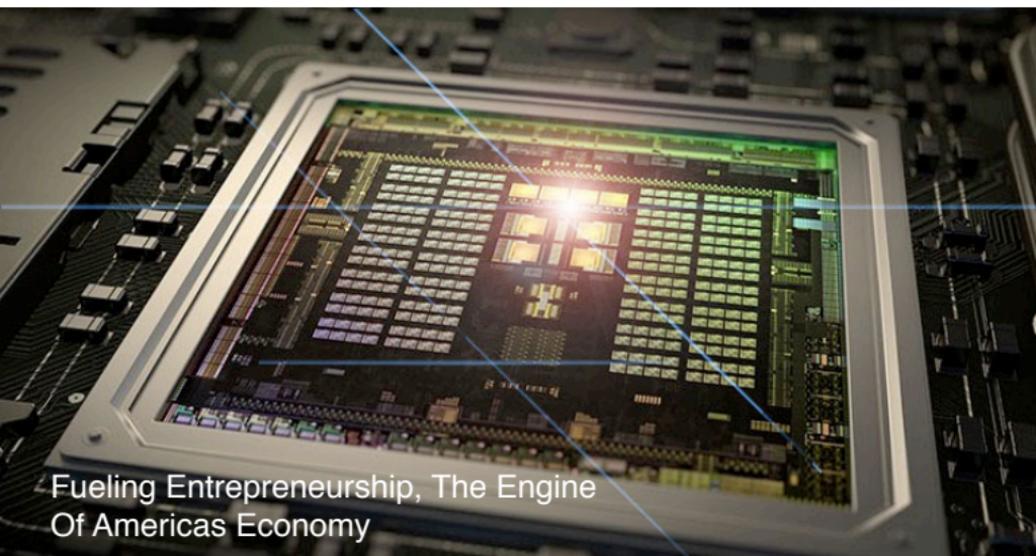
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**WHY:** United by a deep concern for the future vitality and competitiveness of our local and national science, and technology industry (STEM). LEDA group strongly believes that the correct path to grow, is through the modernization and industrialization of our economy, and we can only achieve that by positioning a model that we believe consists of the 5 pillars of our economy; knowledge, technology, entrepreneurship, leadership, and innovation. **HOW:** In collaboration with a network of local and global strategic organizations, we engage in scientific and technological innovations, strategic programs, and initiatives designed to fuel entrepreneurship, and innovation. **WHAT:** LEDA Group is a dynamic multi-cultural, multi-disciplinary and non-for-profit economic development organization. We strongly believe entrepreneurship is the engine that fuels innovation, employment generation and economic growth.



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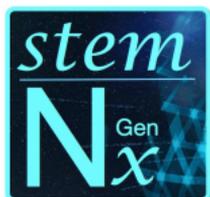


Fueling Entrepreneurship, The Engine  
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Our nation is fast losing its competitive edge. The competitive edge of the US economy has eroded sharply over the last decade, according to a new study by a non-partisan research group. The report found that the U.S. ranked sixth among 40 countries and regions, based on 16 indicators of innovation and competitiveness. They included venture capital investment, scientific research, spending on research, and educational achievement. The prestigious World Economic Forum ranks no. 48 in the U.S., in quality of math and science education.

**Our long-term** agenda will require us first to train and educate our workforce with the skills necessary to compete in a Global Economy. It's also imperative to place greater emphasis on areas such as: science and technology that will define the next generation workforce, and invest strategically in research and innovation necessary to create the jobs and industries of the future.



Today LEDA educational foundation is proud of making the difference in our communities, by training and developing the next generation STEM labor force. This initiative is achieved by a strong commitment and collaboration of our corporate partners, and members involved in innovation, entrepreneurship, as well as the design, development, manufacturing, distribution, and integration of consumer electronics products.

