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Mouser Electronics and Grant Imahara Launch Groundbreaking Contest to 3D-Print Design Aboard International Space Station

July 25, 2016 – [Mouser Electronics](#) Inc. is teaming up with celebrity engineer Grant Imahara for the [International Space Station \(I.S.S.\) Design Challenge](#), the newest series in the exciting [Empowering Innovation Together™](#) program. Mouser is accepting entries for this incredible competition now through Oct. 7, 2016.

The I.S.S. Design Challenge, co-sponsored by Mouser's valued suppliers [Amphenol](#) and [Intel®](#), is a call to college and university students, engineers, and makers, to create a 3D-printable project designed to help I.S.S. astronauts in space. Designs may include small electronics to be used with the object. All entries will be judged by Grant Imahara and a former commander of the I.S.S.

"Imagine how exciting it would be to see your design made in space," said Glenn Smith, President and CEO of Mouser Electronics, a leading global distributor of the newest semiconductors and electronic components. "We are really excited to present this unique contest. We hope our wide range of electronic components will enable people to create whatever their imagination sparks."

For the I.S.S. Design Challenge, Mouser has partnered with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Made In Space along with Hackster and MacroFab. The winner of the I.S.S. Challenge will receive a 3D printer, a consultation with Made In Space — pioneers in additive manufacturing technology for use in the space environment — and the prestige of seeing their design 3D-printed aboard the I.S.S.

"I love that this first-of-its-kind contest allows future engineers to build their confidence as a whole, and share in a global community of innovation," said Grant Imahara.

To accompany the contest, Mouser Electronics and Grant Imahara will release a series of videos on the Empowering Innovation Together site at www.mouser.com/empowering-innovation.

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Mouser Electronics, a subsidiary of TTI, Inc., is part of Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway family of companies. Mouser is an award-winning, authorized semiconductor and electronic component distributor, focused on the rapid introduction of new products and technologies to electronic design engineers and buyers. Mouser.com features more than 4 million products online from more than 600 manufacturers. Mouser publishes multiple catalogs per year providing designers with up-to-date data on the components now available for the next generation of electronic devices. Mouser ships globally to over 500,000 customers in 170 countries from its 750,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility south of Dallas, Texas. For more information, visit <http://www.mouser.com>.

About Grant Imahara

Well known in the engineering community, Grant Imahara has paired his engineering expertise with a Hollywood TV and film career. In addition to his roles on *MythBusters* and *BattleBots*, Imahara is the inventor behind many famous robotic characters, including the Star Wars prequel-era R2-D2, talking robot sidekick Geoff Peterson from *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, and the rhythmic arms on the modern-day Energizer Bunny.

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