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SPEAKER: Representatives from General Motors

Host: Dr. Shishir Shah

TITLE: GM to Add 500 New IT Jobs in Austin, TX

General Motors is hiring software developers, project managers, database experts, business analysts, and other information technology professionals to staff the first of several new IT Innovation Centers in the U.S. intended to drive breakthrough ideas into GM vehicles and business processes globally. Austin was chosen for an Innovation Center because the city already has people with the skills GM is seeking: 46,000, according to the May 2011 Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment Report.

“We want IT to keep up with the imagination of our GM business partners, and to do that, we plan to rebalance the employment model over the next three years so that the majority of our IT work is done by GM employees focused on extending new capabilities that further enable our business,” GM Chief Information Officer Randy Mott said.

“The next generation of IT workers, the talented visionaries we want contributing at the Innovation Center, are being trained at top computer science schools in Texas and surrounding states,” Mott said. “The IT Innovation Centers are critical to our overall IT business strategy and transformation. We anticipate hiring as many as 500 new GM employees in Austin.”

GM already has more than 4,500 employees in Texas, including about 1,800 at GM Financial locations. Approximately 2,500 people build Chevrolet, GMC, and Cadillac SUVs in Arlington, where a recently announced third shift will start in the first quarter of 2013. In addition, a new \$200 million stamping plant is under construction that will create or retain approximately 180 jobs. Two Customer Call Centers are based in the state, and GM is a corporate partner in the Pecan Street sustainable living project in Austin.

Why General Motors?

At GM, we've charged ourselves with one mission: to design, build and sell the world's best vehicles. And to achieve our goals, we're currently undergoing one of the largest Information Technology transformations in the history of the automotive industry.

GM IT is a leader in cutting edge technologies such as Mobility, Telematics, Mission-Critical Business Systems, Supercomputing, Vehicle Engineering, and Real-time Computing. We're building on our momentum and we're changing the way we do things. We're shifting our focus from running the business to advancing innovation. We're recruiting more IT talent from the nation's leading universities, and increasing the time we spend on developing—and delivering—solutions for our business partners. We offer challenging positions for passionate professionals looking to get in on the ground-floor of a "Start-up" that is re-inventing IT with a laser focus on Innovation, Speed, and Business Value. We're increasing the number of people working on IT innovation globally, and we're inviting leaders and self-starters who want to make a difference to join us. If that sounds like you, we are currently hiring for the following areas: Software Development, SAP, Infrastructure Design, Security, Infotainment, Telecommunications, Data Engineering, Architecture, IT Operations. Applicable majors include Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, Management Information Systems, and any other applicable technical degrees.

In short, we're currently seeking the next generation of game-changers to help us usher in a new age of automotive IT innovation. Are you ready to rise to the challenge?