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Mouser and ADI Sponsor “Create the Future” Design Contest for Engineers and Students

April 15, 2014 – [Mouser Electronics](http://www.mouser.com), Inc., a leading engineering resource and global distributor of semiconductors and electronic components, is sponsoring the 12th annual *NASA Tech Briefs* magazine “Create the Future” Design Contest, a challenge to engineers and students worldwide to create the next great thing. Mouser is being joined in this sponsorship by [Analog Devices](http://www.analog.com).

The grand prize winner will receive global recognition and a cash prize of \$20,000 for an innovative product that benefits society and the economy. Previous contests have produced more than 9,000 design ideas from engineers, educators and students in more than 100 countries. Entries are being accepted now through July 1, 2014. To learn more, visit <http://www.mouser.com/createthefuture2014/>.

"Advancing technological innovation is at the heart of what we do here at Mouser and we are very excited to support design engineers by helping to sponsor this global design contest for them," said Kevin Hess, Mouser Electronics' Vice President of Technical Marketing.

Previous grand prize winning entries include a key fob-sized device that makes smart phones "smarter" by enabling consumers to run a variety of low-cost sensing applications; an economical, rapid screening device to prevent food borne illness; a wheelchair propulsion system designed to increase the user's mobility while decreasing upper body, repetitive stress injuries; a mechanism that makes CPR easy and safe for anyone to perform; a fuel-saving motor/pump for cars and trucks; a low-cost in-vehicle emergency warning system; and a new type of energy-efficient lighting.

The “Create the Future” Design Contest has been responsible for bringing attention to product designs that increase the quality of life, improve the efficiency and quality of healthcare and help to reduce dependence on non-renewable energy sources. The Contest was launched in 2002 by the publishers of *NASA Tech Briefs* magazine to help stimulate and reward engineering innovation. Visit <http://www.mouser.com/createthefuture2014/>.

“Mouser is known worldwide for their rapid introduction of the newest products, and unparalleled support of innovation,” said Joseph Pramberger, publisher of *NASA Tech Briefs*. “We are excited for the opportunity to work with such a solid partner – one known in the industry for their strong commitment to foster and serve engineers and their design needs.”

The grand prize winner will be chosen from the winners in seven entry categories including: Aerospace & Defense, Consumer Products, Electronics, Machinery & Equipment, Medical, Sustainable Technologies and Transportation & Automotive. Contest entries can be submitted by an individual or a team. An independent industry panel will judge the entries. Web site visitors are invited to vote for their favorite entry. For more information on how to enter the contest, go to <http://www.mouser.com/createthefuture2014/>.

With its broad product line and unsurpassed customer service, Mouser caters to design engineers and buyers by delivering What's Next in advanced technologies. Mouser offers customers 20 global support locations and stocks the world's widest selection of the latest semiconductors and electronic components for the newest design projects. Mouser Electronics' website is updated many times per day and searches more than 10 million products to locate over 4 million orderable part numbers available for easy online purchase. Mouser.com also houses an industry-first interactive catalog, data sheets, supplier-specific reference designs, application notes, technical design information, and engineering tools.

About Mouser Electronics

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