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Now Accepting Concept Papers

The [Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation](#) is currently accepting concept papers for National Projects that begin in January 2014 or later.

Proposed projects should respond to MEAF's vision to *empower youth with disabilities to lead productive lives*.



The deadline to receive applications is **June 1st**.

[Learn about our priorities and guidelines, take the eligibility quiz, and apply for a National Grant!](#)

AAPD Awards Gala: A Look at the Winners

Investing in Tomorrow's Youth

The **VISION Committee at MEAU/Vernon Hills, IL** is investing in local youth. From donating dollars and volunteer time at the [Sunrise Lake Outdoor Education Center](#) and [Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County](#) to hosting *Disability Mentoring Days* with the [Special Education District of Lake County](#), Mitsubishi Electric Automation, Inc. (MEAU) employee volunteers are making a difference in the lives of young people in their community.



Mentor and Mentee at annual Disability Mentoring Day

Now MEAU is supporting a **First Robotics** program at a local high school to help train future students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) careers.

[Learn more here](#)

On March 5, 2013, the [American Association of People with Disabilities](#) (AAPD) hosted their annual AAPD Leadership Awards Gala.



MEAF continues to be a proud supporter of this event that brings together leaders from business, government, and the disability community to honor the recipients of the Paul G. Hearne/AAPD Leadership Award.

Read AAPD President and CEO **Mark Perriello's** Weekly Message, which includes videos of the winners.

[Learn about this year's winners](#)



MEAF Director, Kevin Webb (left), and LIFT Volunteer, Steve Warner (right), with Matt Roloff star of TLC's *Little People, Big World* and keynote speaker at the 2013 Kids Included Together Conference in San Diego, CA.

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LIFT Committee Member to run Boston Marathon, support charity

Last year the **LIFT Committee from MEUS/San Diego** participated in [Kids Included Together's](#) Over the Edge event to benefit children with disabilities. In the process they raised over \$2,500!

This year the LIFT Committee is proud to support one of their own employee volunteers, Jim Goss, who will run in the Boston Marathon on April 15th, and raise money for [Voices for Children's](#) CASA program (court appointed special advocates) in the San Diego area.

[Want to donate? Click here!](#)

BEST OF LUCK JIM!

Girl Scouts Keys to Leadership Inclusion Conference

MEAF is proud to support the [Girls Scouts of the Nation's Capital](#) (GSCNC) and their *Including All Girls* Initiative.

On March 9th, girls of ALL abilities attended the Keys to Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.

Andraea LaVant, the Inclusion Specialist at GSCNC, planned the annual conference and was also featured in an interview with Comcast Newsmakers.

[Check out pictures from the event](#)

[Watch Andraea LaVant talk about INCLUSION on Comcast Newsmakers](#)

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Deadlines and Reminders

***April is National Volunteer Month!**
Remember, April volunteer projects can receive \$15/volunteer hour matches (instead of the usual \$10)*

National Grants

Applications due June 1st
Full Proposals due July 1st

Mitsubishi Electric Volunteer Committees

Quarterly Reports due April 9th
MEAF 2013 Workshop Travel Forms due April 19th
MOVE/PSA Award Nominations due May 7th
Starfishnet Call on May 8th