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## Progress Announces Application Development Challenge for High School Students

*AOIT App Development Challenge designed to support the next generation of developers and entrepreneurs*

BEDFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Progress](#) (NASDAQ: PRGS) today announced it will host the Second Annual AOIT App Development Challenge in Morrisville, North Carolina, December 17, 2015. The AOIT App Development Challenge is an application development workshop for local high school students in partnership with the Academy of Information Technology (AOIT), a chapter of the [National Academy Foundation](#). Developed by Progress, the challenge is designed to turn the innovative ideas of students into reality using technology, while exposing them to careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

The day-long challenge will be divided into three segments: instruction, development and judging. Students will use two application development platforms (the Progress® aPaaS platform and Progress® Rollbase®) and two programming languages (JavaScript and Node.js) to create and program an original application. Approximately 40 high school seniors will compete for prizes and the opportunity to publish their results to the app store.

"It's important to mentor young developers and get them excited about programming early on," said Mark Troester, Vice President of Product & Solutions Marketing at Progress. "The explosion of the mobile device market brings a greater demand to build more applications that can accommodate the rapid growth in the volume, variety and velocity of data. With the National Academy Foundation and Apex High School's AOIT program, students are getting a head start in the industry by earning professional certifications by the end of the first semester of ninth grade. We are pleased to be part of nurturing the next generation of developers."

"We are grateful to have this opportunity to collaborate with Progress," said John Evans, Director of AOIT. "The Academy is constantly looking to engage its students with the business community to offer critical thinking experiences that expose them to the latest technology and simulate the workplace."

### **AOIT App Development Challenge Details:**

The Progress AOIT App Development Challenge will be held December 17 from 8:00 am - 2:30 pm ET at 3005 Carrington Mill Blvd., Suite 400, Morrisville, NC 27560.

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