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### 2004 IGNITING CREATIVE ENERGY CHALLENGE “HEATING UP”

The third annual *Igniting Creative Energy Challenge* (ICE) activities are well underway with three students and one teacher to be awarded the educational trip of a lifetime to Hawaii (along with a family member or guardian). All contest participants will be recognized and other prizes awarded. The *Challenge* promotes energy conservation, environmental stewardship and leadership while recognizing creative talents. It also encourages our young people to take positive action in finding solutions to many issues. The entry deadline is February 21, 2004. Visit the *Challenge* website, [www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org](http://www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org) or see it featured on the National Science Teacher Association website calendar, [www.nsta.org](http://www.nsta.org).

Interest in the *ICE* educational competition has resulted in several area alliances, such as the South Dakota regional division of Johnson Controls, Inc. providing additional incentives for a pre-national statewide student competition. The Jordan School District in Salt Lake City has organized a similar regional competition, and there are also focused promotional efforts from the Arizona Foundation for Resource Education, KEEP Wisconsin Energy, and other sources. The unusual marriage of creativity and scientific topic makes the *Igniting Creative Energy Challenge* a unique educational competition with exceptional benefits to the educational community, industry and state agencies.

### UTAH GOVERNOR KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT 2004 DEBATE CONFERENCE

Over 500 Utah teachers and students from grades four through nine attended a January conference in Sandy, Utah to learn from professionals on biodiversity issues. The event kicked-off the 2004 Utah Debate Program and participants in the conference represented a portion of the anticipated 10,000 plus student participants. Utah Governor Olene Walker was the keynote speaker and she pledged to the students to keep education as the highest funding priority and to provide a nurturing environment for Utah's students. The 2004 Debate Final Competition will be held April 23 – 24 in Salt Lake City.

### ENERGY SMART SCHOOLS CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR NEVADA DISTRICT

An *EnergySmart Schools In Action Conference* for the Clark County School District (CCSD) in Las Vegas, Nevada will be under the direction of NEF this March 5<sup>th</sup>, to be held at the University of Nevada campus. The Nevada State Office of Energy is providing sponsorship. Thirty to forty school district administrators are expected to attend to learn more about present efforts and future opportunities to save energy and school district dollars through occupant behavior modification. NEF acknowledges the contributions of *Rebuild America* program representatives Ken Baker and Blanche Sheinkopf, and also business partners Nevada Power and Southwest Gas Corporation for uniting this exemplary partnership.

### TRI-STATE EFFORT FOR WESTERN REGION ENERGY ACTION IN SCHOOLS

NEF is currently involved coordinating activities on behalf of state energy offices in Utah, Idaho and Nevada. The project, named *The Western States Energy Action In Schools Collaborative*, is funded

through a U.S. Department of Energy Special Projects to encourage and enhance energy efficiency in K-12 schools. Nevada Power Company, Sierra Pacific Power Company, Southwest Gas Corporation and Idaho State University have also joined to provide funds and in-kind support.

#### **PROMOTION FOR NEF EMPLOYEE**

NEF Director Dari Scott has been promoted to the position of Vice President after eleven years of service to the company. In her new position, she will continue to oversee NEF Programs and provide client support. Prior to joining NEF, Ms. Scott was employed by IBM in Utah and Illinois and also has teaching experience in the Gifted and Talented field. She is a graduate of the University of Utah. Recognition of her outstanding professional contributions and sincere congratulations are reflected in this advancement.

#### **REBUILD AMERICA INTRODUCES NEW WEB RESOURCES FOR PARTNERS**

Rebuild America launched a re-designed website in January at [www.rebuild.org](http://www.rebuild.org). NEF continues to be featured on the RBA site with information on related activities, accomplishments and successes. NEF's *EnergySmart Schools in Action* program continues to be an active supporter of RBA's strategic plan.

#### **THE PEOPLE OF NEF**

NEF President and Utah State Board of Education member, Edward A. Dalton, has been elected to the Board of Directors for the Utah School Board Association. In this position, Dr. Dalton will have the opportunity to associate with directors from local school boards from throughout the state of Utah.

#### **MATERIALS REPORT**

The newly revised Electrical Generation poster has been well received by municipal and investor owned utilities from all over the country for use in educational outreach. The new *Energy Management In and Around Your School* poster is also now available and at a special price through the end of February. The *Safety and Security In and Around Your School* poster is currently in development and will be published this spring. For more information on these or other NEF materials, contact Gary Swan.

**WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING . . .** *"This project (Igniting Creative Energy Challenge) has made a huge impact in my life. It has helped me to reduce, reuse, and recycle myself. I am now more interested in saving energy."* Morgan Kaminski, sixth grader.

#### **2004 NEF NEWS UPDATE CALENDAR**

February 21	<i>Igniting Creative Energy Challenge</i> entry deadline
March 5	<i>EnergySmart Schools</i> Conference, Clark County School District, Las Vegas, NV
April 1 – 4	National Science Teachers Assoc. (NSTA) National Convention, Atlanta, GA
April 23 - 24	2004 State Debate Competition, Salt Lake City, UT

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