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### 2004 *ICE* WINNERS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Grand prize winners of the 2004 *Igniting Creative Energy Challenge* were special guests at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Energy Efficiency Forum, held at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. The June Energy Efficiency Forum featured outstanding speakers, such as U.S. Secretary of Commerce Donald L. Evans, Steve Forbes and others. *ICE* winners were recognized and lauded for their creativity in support of energy conservation. The *Challenge* is an educational competition administered by the National Energy Foundation (NEF) and funded through an educational grant by Johnson Controls, Inc., with additional support from the United States Energy Association. Participants from grades K-12 expressed their ideas on energy efficiency and the environment through essays, media, science projects, stories, photography, artwork and media options. The competition drew entries from the United States and Canada with three student winners (one from each age division) and one teacher winner.

### **REBUILD AMERICA – ENERGYSMART SCHOOLS GRANT ACTIVITIES**

June was a busy month for *EnergySmart Schools* and *Rebuild America* events, beginning with a teacher training on June 8 at Neptune Middle School in Kissimmee, Florida. Seven middle schools and two high schools were represented for the purpose of familiarizing teachers with their roles in school energy management. On June 15, in Minnesota, Westwood Elementary School faculty received energy education training as part of a school effort for seeking LEED certification. The Clark County, Nevada School District received training on June 23, with a total of 45 people participating at a teacher and maintenance-staff workshop in Henderson. NEF will continue to consult on this program.

### **NEF AWARDED NEW GRANT BY PACIFIC CORP**

The PacifiCorp Foundation for Learning has awarded NEF a grant for the purpose of providing all Utah alternative high schools, charter schools and youth correctional facilities *In Search of Character* instructional materials. The project focus is on learning, with direct instruction related to the principles of character, leadership, opportunity and the application of learning in service to others. NEF's *In Search of Character* enrichment program is expected to impact over 10,000 students by this means.

### **OIL POSTER REVISION PROJECT ANNOUNCED**

A grant from the American Petroleum Institute (API) will allow NEF to do a complete revision of the *Oil* poster. The new poster will be available in late fall, and will be an integral part of API's web-based and other energy education initiatives (see [www.classroom-energy.org](http://www.classroom-energy.org)). NEF is also working to raise funding to insert the poster in NSTA's Science Scope magazine for distribution to over 21,000 middle school teachers nationwide. If your company is interested in participating in this project, call Gary Swan, NEF Materials Director, at 801-908-5800.

**ROCKS AND MINERALS EDUCATION CONTINUES**

*Out of the Rock (OOTR)* activities and materials were presented at three outstanding workshops this summer; two in Idaho and one in Utah. The Idaho Falls *OOTR* workshop kicked things off June 15 – 17, with field trips to the Monsanto Mine and Soda Springs. Another Idaho workshop was held in Boise, June 22 – 24, and featured tours of a gold dredging operation and a historic mining district. The Utah workshop was held June 22-23 in Salt Lake and included a trip to the world famous Kennecott Mine. The Idaho Mining Association and the Utah Mining Association provided sponsorship of these events.

**NEF PARTICIPATES IN MINERALS EDUCATION CONFERENCES**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Minerals Education Conference was held recently at Lake Tahoe's Cal-Neva Resort, with National Energy Foundation an active participant. NEF's focus for the conference was to highlight the many exciting new instructional materials available from the Foundation, along with providing information on upcoming projects. NEF will also be presenting this month at the 2004 Missouri Minerals Education Conference in Kansas City (July 26-30).

**DEBATE PROGRAM WRAPS UP 2004 PROGRAM**

Over 200 students from several school districts throughout the state participated in the final competition round of the 2004 Utah Program. Hunter High School in Salt Lake City was the site of the April finals, which were the culminating efforts of approximately 10,000 student participants. The resolution topic was based on biodiversity issues. NEF has provided leadership for this program for 14 years. This year's partners included Utah Energy Office, Division of Environmental Quality and Kennecott Utah Copper.

***SAFETY & SECURITY POSTER NOW AVAILABLE – High Performance Schools Coming Soon!***

A beautiful new NEF instructional poster now addresses the critical topic of safe schools. *Safety and Security In and Around Your School*, a sister poster to NEF's *Energy Management* poster, is a perfect fit for state and school district-based safe and drug free school programs. NEF partners and sponsors should consider the good will and reputation value of providing these new posters to schools in their area. Also, NEF has begun work on the final installment of our "schools posters" set, with the culminating *High Performance Schools* poster. Additional funding partners are desired for this project. If your company is interested in participating, please let us know.

**WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING . . .** Florida *EnergySmart Schools – Rebuild America* teacher training workshop participant says, "*Useful information not only in the classroom, but for personal use.*"

**NEF NEWS UPDATE CALENDAR**

August 5 – 7	Community of Caring National Convention, Salt Lake City, UT
August 26 – 27	UMA (Utah Mining Association) Annual Convention, Park City, UT
October 15 – 19	Association of School Board Building Officials (ASBO) Conference, Cincinnati, OH

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