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### **President Bush Meets with Igniting Creative Energy Challenge Winners**

The 2005 Igniting Creative Energy Challenge student winners met with President George W. Bush June 15<sup>th</sup> in Washington D.C. at the Energy Efficiency Forum, an annual bipartisan event designed to raise awareness of energy efficiency issues. Approximately 400 executives and government officials attended the Forum co-sponsored by the U.S. Energy Association and Johnson Controls, Inc. The students earned the trip as a result of submitting projects illustrating how an individual's own wise energy choices and environmental stewardship can help reduce energy consumption and improve the community in which they live. The students were surprised and thrilled to meet the President and talk with him about their energy ideas. Winning projects can be viewed at [www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org](http://www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org).

### **New Coordinator for Sixth Largest School District in Nevada**

A regional coordinator was hired in July to manage the Nevada State Office of Energy Special Projects Grant and Energy Action In Schools program for the Clark County School District in Nevada. Leanne Fernald brings over 30 years of teaching, training and curriculum expertise to the program which will provide education for administrators, teachers, custodians and students on energy saving measures to be incorporated into curriculum and practiced in the school setting. The program will additionally benefit the community as students will learn how they can implement energy saving measures in their own homes. For information on the Energy Action in Schools program contact NEF at [info@nef1.org](mailto:info@nef1.org).

### **Nicor Gas Partners with NEF for Regional Student Contest**

Nicor Gas, one of the largest natural gas distribution companies in the country serving more than two million customers in 641 communities has partnered with NEF to create an exciting student competition. "Energy by Design" is a contest that will engage K-8 students in the Nicor service area and challenge them to create an instructional poster on energy efficiency. In conjunction with the contest students and teachers will receive educational materials on energy efficiency and natural gas safety. Winners will be awarded a home energy makeover which will include new energy efficient appliances. Nicor representatives are confident that the contest will help students and their families better understand important energy issues. The contest will kick off in September 2005.

**New Poster: *Exploring Natural Resources and Their Uses***

NEF has completed the new poster *Exploring Natural Resources and Their Uses*. This exciting instructional poster created in partnership with the Arizona Foundation for Resource Education, illustrates natural resources and identifies their value to our livelihood and lifestyles. It additionally identifies the uses of those natural resources in a way that helps students understand their own role in preserving and sustaining those resources now and in the future. The poster back provides a complete educational lesson guide created using “backwards” design, a highly acclaimed instructional planning strategy created by the Association for Supervision of Curriculum Development in Alexandria Virginia. To order posters or develop a custom distribution plan email [gary@nefl.org](mailto:gary@nefl.org).

**Oklahoma and Utah Energy Office Programs Renewed**

The Utah State Energy Program and the Oklahoma Energy Office have renewed their partnerships with NEF for 2005-2006. Energy Smart: an Energy Education Outreach Program will be administered in both states through a variety of activities. The programs will expand general energy education for K-12 students by providing training, materials, resources and support. Activity will include booths and presentations in educational association annual conferences, statewide materials distribution, classroom presentations, energy month campaigns, student energy challenge competitions and communication activities including newsletters and website resources. Additionally, Oklahoma will be providing training for university pre-service education majors. Utah students will benefit from support for solar car competitions as well as the annual Debate program that engages an estimated 10,000 students statewide.

**Quote**

“We’re going to harness our innovative spirit in this new century and by doing so we will leave our children and grandchildren a cleaner, a healthier, and a more secure America.”

President George W. Bush, Energy Efficiency Forum, June 2005

**CALENDAR**

Aug. 25-26	Utah Mining Association Annual Meeting, Park City, Utah
Sept. 11-14	NASEO Annual Meeting, New York
Oct. 1-31	National Energy Month
Oct. 20	Oklahoma Education Association Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Oct. 20-21	Utah Education Association Convention Salt Lake City, Utah
Oct 21-24	ASBO Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts
Nov. 10-12	NSTA Midwestern area convention, Chicago, Illinois

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