



Texas Irrigation Expo | 2010

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Dear Science Teacher,

This time next year, the first Texas Irrigation Expo will be held at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds in Mercedes, Texas. The two-day event will feature presentations by speakers on agricultural water conservation techniques, as well as exhibits by companies that provide products and services to the agricultural irrigation industry.

As part of this event, we are conducting a science fair contest focused on water conservation for school children in the Rio Grande Valley (ages 10 to 18). Contest entries will be accepted from individuals and teams. Please see the enclosed packet of information for all of the contest rules, as well as release forms for participants.

Because this science contest is one year away, we think it's a great opportunity for students to conduct long-range studies into water conservation sciences, technology, and engineering. As you know, because of the Rio Grande Valley's fast-growing population, meeting the water demands of that population is one of our most important challenges. We're excited about getting area youth involved in seeking answers to this problem.

If your students decide to participate in this contest, entries will be due by September 30, 2010. There will be 5 individual winners and 5 team winners, with cash prizes of \$500 to \$1500 going to the top 3 winners in each category. The key date of participation is Wednesday, October 20, 2010, with set-up of displays from 4:00-6:00 pm, and interviews with judges 6:00-7:30 pm. Awards will be presented at 7:30.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Jones in my office at 956-423-7015 or e-mail her at hjones@hidcc1.org. For more information on the conference, see www.texasirrigationexpo.org.

Sincerely,

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