



Texas Irrigation Expo to Include Science Fair Contest

Harlingen - Junior high and high school students from around the Rio Grande Valley are invited to participating in a Science Fair Contest focused on water conservation. The contest is being held in conjunction with the 2010 Texas Irrigation Expo, which is being coordinated by the Harlingen Irrigation District with a grant from the Texas Water Development Board.

Because the fair is not until next October, students will have the opportunity to conduct long-range studies into water conservation sciences, technology, and engineering. The contest is open to students aged 10 to 18 in the Rio Grande Valley. The fair requires that students set-up their displays on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, and participate in interviews with judges on Thursday October 21, 2010. An awards ceremony with cash prizes for the top winners will be held the evening of Thursday, October 21.

Wayne Halbert, HID General Manager, said, "We want to encourage all local area students to participate in this contest. Water is our most precious resource and with the Rio Grande Valley's fast-growing population, meeting the water demands of that population is one of our most important challenges. We are excited about getting the local area youth involved in seeking answers to this problem."

Students may enter the contest individually or as a group, and cash prizes of \$500 to \$1500 will go to the top three winners in each category. All information regarding the science fair has been distributed to middle school and high school teachers in the Rio Grande Valley. Those interested who did not receive the information can find the materials at www.texasirrigationexpo.org.

The two day Irrigation Expo will take place at the Rio Grande Livestock Show Grounds in Mercedes, Texas. It will feature speakers on agricultural water conservation techniques, along with exhibits on products and services for the agricultural irrigation industry. For more information about the Expo, please contact Robyn Hadley at WaterPR, 512-477-5445.