

Students Can Win Trip To Hawaii For Creative Energy And Environmental Projects

(NAPSA)—Students in kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to put on their thinking caps to find creative ways to make a difference in energy conservation and the environment, as part of an annual contest.

The Igniting Creative Energy Challenge, a partnership program developed by Johnson Controls and the National Energy Foundation, is an educational competition that encourages students to learn more about energy and the environment. Winners of the national contests and their parents/guardians can win a trip to Hawaii in spring 2007. Winners also get valuable educational experiences, including a chance to meet national leaders and energy policymakers in Washington, D.C.

New for 2007, the highest scoring student in each state and most provinces will receive additional recognition and a \$1,000 (U.S.) donation from Johnson Controls to his or her school.

“Like all citizens, students play an important role in using energy resources wisely, which reinforces our business of providing smart energy solutions,” said Dave Myers, president, Building Efficiency, Johnson Controls. “As we introduce this year’s Challenge, we continue to be impressed by the enthusiasm and creativity students and teachers exhibit in demonstrating ways to preserve the environment and conserve energy.”

Students should submit entries that demonstrate an understanding of what an individual, family or group can do in their home, school or community to conserve energy and help the environment. Students may express their ideas



Three student winners and one teacher are recognized for making a difference in energy awareness.

in the form of science projects, essays, stories, artwork, photographs, music, video or Web site projects. They may also submit recent service projects.

The winning projects for the 2006 Igniting Creative Energy Challenge were a reflection of students’ creativity and involvement. For example, an elementary school student’s “I Spy”[®]-themed book highlighted 101 ways to save energy at home and was illustrated with photographs of the student’s dollhouse; and, a high school student researched a recommendation to create billboards that raise awareness of the energy crisis and promote the fight to save energy and the environment.

The Challenge is open to all students in grades K-12 in the U.S. and Canada, excluding Quebec. All entries are due by February 17, 2007, and winners will be announced on or about March 17, 2007. Official rules about the contest and a downloadable entry form can be found online at www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org.