

December 2, 2008

Dear EWB-USA Chapters in the West Coast and Mid West Regions,

Here are some important notices for to disseminate to your chapters. Firstly, please emphasize to your project teams that a project's 501 – New Project Application *must be approved* before submitting the 507B – Pre-Assessment Report. 507B's will not be reviewed until the according 501's are approved. Visit the Projects page on our website for details and deadlines.

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**Register Now for the 2009 International Conference:** Register now for the best Conference rates for the EWB-USA 2009 International Conference in Milwaukee March 26-29. Early-bird specials end January 1st, so don't miss out. For more information please visit <http://www.ewb-usa.org/events.php?ID=47>

**Submit your International Conference Project Posters:** The EWB-USA International Conference Committee is inviting all chapters to submit project posters that showcase your group's best projects. Project posters will be displayed during the EWB-USA International Conference exhibition hours as well as special events and receptions scheduled during the International Conference. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.ewb-usa.org/ConferenceInfo09.php>

**Nominate Project Presentations Today:** For the upcoming 2009 EWB-USA International Conference in Milwaukee, the EWB-USA International Conference Planning Committee is looking for project presentation nominations and submissions from student and professional chapters for these two categories that directly relate to the conference theme: "Transformative Education: Creating Opportunities For Knowledge"

1. "Transforming Communities"
2. "Transforming Individuals"

The deadline is Dec. 20, for more information visit <http://www.ewb-usa.org/ConferencePresentations.php>

**Project Grants Available:** EWB-USA has grant funds available for the following types of projects: Latin America: drinking water; Africa: water, sanitation, and renewable energy; Asia: renewable energy. The Project Grant Application, including eligibility criteria, is available at <https://www.ewb-usa.org/downloads/EBW-USA%20Project%20Grant%20Application%20-%20Winter%202009.doc>, and applications are due back by December 19. Decisions will be made and grant funds distributed in January. If you have questions, please contact Zoe Kircos, Grants Coordinator, at [zoe.kircos@ewb-usa.org](mailto:zoe.kircos@ewb-usa.org); 720-204-3200.

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**NCIIA's March Madness of the Mind 2009 for Student Chapters:** March Madness of the Mind is an exciting event for NCIIA E-Teams to show off their ground-breaking innovations to an engaged audience during the NCIIA 13th Annual Conference, March

19-21, 2009 in Washington, D.C. Selected teams will receive an all-expense paid trip trip to D.C., where they will exhibit at the newly renovated Smithsonian National Museum of American History on Friday, March 20, 2009. Application deadline is January 9, 2009. For more information, visit [www.nciia.org/conf09/mmm](http://www.nciia.org/conf09/mmm) or contact Rachel Agoglia ([ragoglia@nciia.org](mailto:ragoglia@nciia.org)) at the NCIIA.

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**Clinton Global Initiative - University (CGI-U):** Students interested in attending the CGI-U in Austin in February can apply now at <http://www.clintonglobalinitiative.org/NETCOMMUNITY/Page.aspx?pid=2297&srcid=1853>. The deadline is December 12, so check out their website soon.

**Rainwater Harvesting Contest:** Innocentive has posted a challenge for a low-cost rainwater storage system, with an award of \$15,000 to the design chosen. If you have developed this kind of design and want to enter, more info is available at <http://gw.innocentive.com/ar/disciplineSearch?challenge-order-by=desc&challenge-sort-by=challengeNumber&viewMode=abstract&challenge-search-text=rainwater+storage+system&challenge-search-button.x=26&challenge-search-button.y=12>

**Sopogy:** Sopogy is sponsoring a Worldwide skills contest to challenge the best engineers, engineering students and solar enthusiasts in the world to design pre-engineered solutions for thermal energy problems using MicroCSP solar concentrating technology." They are offering a \$5,000 prize in each of 10 categories. For more information, go to <http://www.sopoapps.sopogy.com/>

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**Chapter Finance Policies:** During the past year, we have reviewed our financial policies. These Policies and Forms are also available for download at <http://www.ewb-usa.org/ProjectsDownloads.php> . Also, if your chapter President and Vice-President haven't filled out the survey sent by Sondra Greene, please do so as soon as possible. For questions, contact Sondra at [sondra.greene@ewb-usa.org](mailto:sondra.greene@ewb-usa.org) . Thank you!

In the upcoming weeks, we will be offering a Webinar on how to complete the Forms so please stay tuned for an upcoming email or check on our website.

Thank you, as always, for your time and dedication.

Best Regards,

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