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**NERO AWARD PRESENTED TO NATIONAL ENERGY FOUNDATION**

The 2003 Public Education Award from the National Energy Resources Organization (NERO) was awarded this year to National Energy Foundation. NEF was nominated by the United States Energy Association (USEA) in recognition of outstanding efforts as the premier energy and natural resources education provider in the country. President and CEO of NEF, Dr. Edward A. Dalton, accepted the award at the May 14, 2003 ceremony in Washington D.C.

**IGNITING CREATIVE ENERGY CHALLENGE NAMES 2003 WINNERS**

A recycling musical composition and homemade instruments, a comic book with educational activities and a poem on environmental conservation are the winning entries in the second *Igniting Creative Energy Challenge*. Congratulations to grand prize winners Linnea Rowley, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Albuquerque, NM; Tyler Carter, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Satellite Beach, FL; Marina Olevsky, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, San Diego, CA; and Siobhan O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, George Washington Elementary School, Mohegan Lake, NY! See these outstanding entries along with other great projects at [www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org/](http://www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org/).

**NATIONAL REBUILD AMERICA CONFERENCES COORDINATED BY NEF**

The Nevada and Oklahoma State Energy Offices are collaborating with NEF to provide conferences for K-12 school district officials within each state. *EnergySmart Schools In Action* conferences are scheduled for June 4, 2003 in Oklahoma City and June 17-18 in Lake Tahoe. These events will promote the *Rebuild America* message and address energy education opportunities. To find out more about both conferences and registration information, check on-line at [www.nef1.org/essia](http://www.nef1.org/essia).

**NEF TO HOST NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN PARK CITY, UTAH**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual National Minerals Education Conference, hosted by NEF in conjunction with an outstanding assemblage of state, regional, and national sponsors is scheduled for June 15 – 18, 2003 at the Park City Marriott. For registration information, visit the conference web site at [www.nef1.org/minconf](http://www.nef1.org/minconf).

**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STATE DEBATE COMPETITION RESULTS**

Winners were determined in the April Utah Debate Program as over 225 students competed at the elementary and junior high school final state competition in Salt Lake City. School districts from across the state were represented as students argued this year's mass transit topic. Thousands of students participate each year in this outstanding partnership program, which is administered by NEF.

**ARIZONA FOUNDATION INVITES NEF PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

NEF president, Ed Dalton, has been invited to serve on the Board of Directors of the Arizona Foundation for Resource Education, a non-profit network of Arizona's resource businesses and industries. The Foundation provides Arizona's K-12 teachers educational programs and professional development, study tours, academies, institutes and conference opportunities.

**OKLAHOMA ENERGY OFFICE PARTNERSHIP CONTINUED**

NEF has been granted an extension on their contract to continue working on behalf of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce-State Energy Office in sharing the *Rebuild America-Energy Smart Schools* message with school districts in Oklahoma. In this continued effort, the state hopes to infuse energy education and conservation into rural school districts across the state.

**NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPLEMENTS ACADEMY PROGRAM**

Guilford County School District in North Carolina will implement a two-year *Academy of Energy Education* pilot program beginning July 1, 2003. This program will infuse energy education into 10 schools, train facilities personnel, and provide tracking of energy usage to help reduce energy costs in those schools. The project is part of a Johnson Controls, Inc. and NEF collaboration.

**MATERIALS UPDATE**

The Edison Electrical Institute and the Nuclear Energy Institute have joined National Energy Foundation as partners in the revision of NEF's Electrical Generation poster. The new poster should be available for school use in the fall. For more information NEF materials development partnership opportunities, contact Gary Swan at NEF.

**WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING . . .**

Dr. John C. Jones, retired Executive Director of the Northwest Gas Association, comments on the results of this year's IGNITING CREATIVE ENERGY CHALLENGE, "*Outstanding! Congratulations to ... NEF... for organizing and carrying out this important student-centered conservation effort. The geographic distribution of the winning submissions is impressive, reflecting the scope of the NEF reach. Educators owe the sponsor, Johnson Controls, a big 'thank you' for understanding the essential part (that) business must play in sustaining and encouraging creativity in this period of economic stress.*"

**2003 ENERGY EDUCATION CALENDAR**

June 4	EnergySmart Schools In Action Conference, Oklahoma City, OK
June 15 - 18	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Annual Minerals Education Conference, hosted by NEF, Park City, UT</b>
June 17 - 18	EnergySmart Schools In Action Conference, Lake Tahoe, NV
June 22 - 28	Arizona Studies Academy, Flagstaff, AZ

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