

Science Bowl 2004

Dear Potential Sponsor:

The Ames Laboratory/Iowa State University Science Bowl continues to be a hit among high schools across Iowa. Over the past 13 years, we have hosted 134 high schools from every corner of the state. Last year's winner was Cedar Rapids Washington High School. It was a thrill to see the team win our regional championship and then go on to compete in the Department of Energy National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C. We fully expect Cedar Rapids Washington to be back in Ames on January 31, 2004, to compete in the 14th annual Science Bowl.

Putting on an event of this caliber is a huge undertaking. It requires organization, strong volunteer support and funding. Your financial support is critical to the success of the Science Bowl. Sponsors help us to fund things like student awards, T-shirts, food and limited team travel. Sponsors are greatly appreciated and acknowledged in many ways at our event. Included with this letter is a Contributor Schedule for Science Bowl. Also included is a Science Bowl factsheet, which should give you a feel for the competition. I hope this information will move your organization to contribute to this premier event for Iowa high school students.

As you know, success often breeds opportunity. That's why I am excited to announce we are adding a second Science Bowl event in 2004. Our Middle School Science Bowl will be held on April 23-24, 2004. We will host teams from Iowa and other Midwestern states for a two-day Science Bowl event that includes an academic competition and a hydrogen fuel cell car competition. Of course, the addition of the new Middle School Science Bowl makes our need for financial support even greater, which makes our plea to you even stronger. Information on this new event is also included on the Science Bowl factsheet. We applaud those sponsors who have helped in the past and look forward to welcoming new sponsors to Science Bowl.

For planning purposes, we would appreciate knowing the amount of your donation by Dec. 15, 2003. Checks should be made payable to Iowa State University, c/o Steve Karsjen. Thanks for supporting Iowa's premier Science Bowl competitions!

Best regards,



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P.S. Many of our sponsors supply items for the "goodie" bags that students love to receive. A flyer describing this effort is also included.