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Dear Potential Judge,

We would like to invite you to serve as a judge at the 2009 Beal Bank Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair on **Saturday, February 28, 2009** at Centennial Hall in Fair Park, Dallas. Your Regional Science Fair is one of the largest in the country, with well over 1,000 Dallas-area students and judges participating each year, and an invaluable educational opportunity for our potential scientists to interact with professionals such as you. We will provide breakfast, lunch, and a small memento of the Fair for all judges who take part. Your participation at the 2009 Fair would be greatly appreciated!

Complete information about the Fair and judging criteria will be provided during Judge Orientation at the Fair and can also be obtained in advance from the Fair website DallasScienceFair.org. Judge Orientation begins at 8:00 a.m. with judging beginning at 9:00 a.m. All judges are required to participate in the first round of judging, which should be completed by noon. We encourage as many judges as possible to continue on with the second round of judging, noon-1 p.m., for large categories. As a first round judge, you will be a part of a three-member judging group that will be asked to interview about ten students. Following the interviews, your judge group will evaluate the projects and collectively agree on the winning students or, in the case of a large category, those who advance to the second round.

Captains perform a few very simple administrative duties on Fair day for their judge group and are required to participate in the second round of judging.

If you would like to judge in the 2009 Fair, please register online at DallasScienceFair.org or return the enclosed form by December 31, 2008. Your Update Code (on the form) will allow online access to the details we currently hold for you. A confirmation card will be sent in the new year.

We always need new judges and encourage you to recommend other qualified individuals to us who have not judged before; we'll give you a Fair T-shirt if any of your recommended judges participate!

Thank you for considering our request. We hope to see you on Saturday, February 28!

Sincerely,

Fred Olness
Fair Director
Southern Methodist University

Randall Scalise
Fair Director
Southern Methodist University

Simon Dalley
Fair Director
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