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Dear Potential Sponsor:

The Ames Laboratory/Iowa State University Science Bowl program celebrated another banner year in 2008. A record number of student teams applied to participate in our High School Science Bowl, and our Middle School Science Bowl was equally well attended.

It's important to emphasize that our Science Bowl events are not just central Iowa events. Since inception in 1991, our High School Science Bowl has attracted students from over 149 different Iowa schools across the state. The winner of our 2008 high school competition was Cedar Rapids-Marion Home Schools. In the four years it's been in existence, our Middle School Science Bowl has drawn students from 30 different schools across the state. The winner of our middle school 2008 competition was Evans of Ottumwa. In addition to our competitions, we now provide a Middle School teacher workshop for the 16 Iowa teachers who bring teams to the Middle School Science Bowl each year. This workshop on hydrogen fuel is led by an expert in the field and is designed to help teachers learn about hydrogen fuel and bring this knowledge back to their classrooms for all of their students.

In order to hold these valuable academic events, we rely on the financial support of Iowa companies and corporations like yours. We recognize the value of this support by putting your name in our publications or, if applicable, on our T-shirts. Sponsor donations help pay for food, T-shirts, materials and limited overnight housing for our teams.

If you are interested in supporting a program that rewards students for their academic achievement, we would appreciate knowing the amount of your donation by December 15, 2008. Checks should be made payable to Iowa State University, c/o Steve Karsjen. If you have any questions, please contact me at 515-294-5643 or karsjen@ameslab.gov.

If you are interested in seeing a presentation on Science Bowl, I will be happy to make one to your company or corporation.

Best regards,

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