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Hire the best”

Re: Nominations for the WoodLINKS USA “**Teacher of the Year**”

Dear Administrator/WoodLINKS USA Teacher

As we approach the end of the school year, WoodLINKS USA is preparing for the July 2009 Teacher in-service at the AWFS in Las Vegas, Nevada. One of the items on the agenda at the in-service is to acknowledge the WL USA “**Teacher of the Year**” award. The 2008 award recipient was, Troy Spear of Theodore Roosevelt High School—Kent Ohio. The 2009 award recipient was, Joe Davis of Dale Jackson Career Center of Lewisville, TX.

The following list summarizes the areas of excellence/activity in which nominees for this award are involved. This list is not exhaustive but provides a representation of the types of activities we look for when determining who should receive this award.

- how is the teacher marketing his or her program
- what kind of opportunities the program is generating for the students
- does the teacher produce a newsletter about the program
- how does the teacher involve his/her students in fieldtrips to visit local manufacturing sites
- what projects has the program completed for the school
- what fundraising activities has the program generated
- does the teacher have students who certify in the WL USA Certification Program
- external service - projects the program completes for entities outside the school
- industry involvement in the school –
  - does industry visit and provide demonstrations
  - does industry come in and talk with the students
  - are there industry/education partnerships the teacher has developed

Your assistance with the, “**Teacher of the Year**” award is requested. If you believe your teacher’s activities qualify and/or has demonstrated other noteworthy activities, please take a moment to complete the nomination form. **All nominations for this award must be received by June 1of each school year. Nomination forms may be returned by fax or mailed.**

Sincerely

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