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Dear Potential Judge,

We would like to invite you to serve as a judge at the 2010 Beal Bank Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair on **Saturday, February 27, 2010** at Centennial Hall in Fair Park, Dallas. Your regional science fair is one of the largest in the country and an invaluable educational opportunity for our potential scientists and engineers 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.

If you would like to judge in the 2010 fair, please register online at [DallasScienceFair.org](http://DallasScienceFair.org)  
The **Update Code** on the enclosed printed form will take you to an online registration form prefilled with your details which you may edit/submit.  
(If you wish, you may instead edit/mail the printed form to register.)  
A confirmation card will be mailed to you in the New Year.

Judges should have at least a Bachelor degree in an area closely related to the categories they prefer to judge. Detailed information about the schedule and judging criteria will be mailed to registered judges a couple of weeks before the fair. On fair day, February 27, judge orientation begins at 8:00 a.m. with judging beginning at 9:00 a.m. All judges are required to participate in the 1st round of judging, which should be completed by noon. As a 1<sup>st</sup> 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. You are encouraged to continue on with the second round of judging, noon-1 p.m., for large categories. Captains perform a few simple administrative duties on fair day and lead their 1<sup>st</sup> Round judge group. They are required to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of judging or find a substitute.

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

Thank you for considering our request. We hope to see you on Saturday, February 27!

Sincerely,

Simon Dalley  
Fair President  
Southern Methodist University

Fred Olness  
Fair Vice-President  
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