

ILLINOIS DRAFTING EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Regional Director:

The Illinois Drafting Educators Association has appreciated your support in the past as you hosted a regional drafting competition. This is a time-consuming task that could not be possible without your help. We are again calling on you and your institution to host the **38TH IDEA Regional Drafting-Design Competition** that will be held on **Friday, March 6, 2015**, at fifteen centers across the state. *NOTE: In case of conflict or inclement weather, a make-up date can be established one week earlier or later.* First and second place regional winners will be eligible to compete at our state competition to be held on **April 11, 2015**, at ISU in Normal. Last year, over 100 teachers and 1000 students were involved at the regional level. At the State Competition, over 65 teachers and 220 students were involved.

This year's paperwork will again be handled primarily via the IDEA web site, including regional site locations, calendar of events, rules and regulations, entry forms, and updates. Please check the web site - <http://www.idea-online.org/> and look under the **Competitions** link. **NEW FOR 2015. Registration forms have been switched from DOC to XLSX.** Teachers are to only send the registration form to the financial director, and he will create a master file for me. We will disseminate to you the regional enrollment sheet soon after the enrollment deadline.

This is my fifth year as IDEA competition director. As a former board member, I have been involved in IDEA for many years, and helped judge the state competition at ISU. Dr. Brown, now retired from ISU, will continue his role as the primary "problem" guy, and will assist with coordination of the state competition. We are looking forward to working with you to make this event a positive experience for you and your students. Thanks for helping make the IDEA competition a success year after year!

Sincerely,

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