

ILLINOIS DRAFTING EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Regional Director:

The Illinois Drafting Educators Association has appreciated your support in the past by hosting 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 **35TH IDEA Regional Drafting-Design Competition** that will be held on **Friday, March 9, 2012**, at test sites centers across the state. *NOTE: In case of inclement weather, Friday, March 16, is reserved as a make-up date.* First and second place regional winners will be eligible to compete at our state competition to be held on **April 14, 2012**, at ISU in Normal. Last year, nearly 100 teachers and 1,000 students were involved at the regional level. At the State Competition, over 70 teachers and over 200 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.

I have been involved in IDEA for many years, and helped judge the state competition at ISU. Dr. Brown will continue his role as the primary "problem" guy, and will be the main coordinator for the state competition. We are looking forward to working with you to make this event a positive experience for you and your students.

Thanks again for making last year's drafting contest such a success!

Sincerely,

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