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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The 57th Annual Central California Regional Science, Mathematics and Engineering Fair will be held March 22–25, 2010, at the Fresno Fairgrounds Commerce Building. Nearly 600 students in grades 6 through 12 have registered to enter 450 projects in this year's competition.

Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 and high school students who place first are eligible to advance to the California State Science Fair held in Los Angeles May 17 and 18 at the California Science Center in Los Angeles.

The top two individual winners and one team project from the Senior Division will go on to represent our regional fair at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, which will be held in San Jose, CA, May 10-14, 2010. Now in its 61st year, the Intel ISEF is the world's only international science fair representing all the sciences, mathematics and engineering for students in grades 9-12. Its goal is to bring together students and teachers from around the world to establish new collaborations for future research and experience cultural exchanges.

"Working on a science fair project introduces students to the scientific method and critical thinking skills they will need to succeed in the 21st Century," states Stephen Bock, Science Coordinator, Fresno County Office of Education and Director of the Regional Fair.

Students from public, private and parochial schools will strive to take home ribbons, medals, trophies and more than 100 special awards.

Sponsors of the Regional Fair are the Fresno County Office of Education, The Fresno Bee, Fresno Fairgrounds, The Professional Engineers in California Government, Clovis Unified School District, Central Unified School District, Fresno Unified School District, Sanger Unified School District, UC Merced, CSU-Fresno, Fresno City College, California Mathematics Council-Central Section, Central California Science Teachers Association, Central Valley Science Project, and San Joaquin Valley Math Project.

The public is invited to view student projects on Tuesday, March 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For further information, please contact, Steve Bock, FCOE Science Coordinator, at 341-2811.

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Attachment: List of Participating Schools

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY	During set-up on Monday, March 22, students may be interviewed while setting up their projects. The best time for this is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Awards Ceremony will be held in the Fresno Fairgrounds Ag Building on Thursday, March 25 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
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