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Dear Branch Members:

The East Kootenay Branch of APEGBC is looking to set up a formal program for youth outreach in our area and an opportunity has arisen to partner with the Kootenay Rockies Innovation Council (KRIC) to get engineers and geoscientist working with youth and receive help to coordinate with school activities and other events related to science, technology and innovation.

It is a great time to start this relationship as KRIC's executive director, Katie Wells is a P.Eng. herself and KRIC currently has a full time Youth Programs Coordinator (Andrea Weissenborn) who will be working with schools and in this capacity could provide some infrastructure support to help with the coordination and access to our volunteer network. KRIC can also play a role as a resource for accessing schools and keeping track of the events and coordinating outreach.

We would like to have an engineer and geoscientist champion in each of the major centers in our area (i.e. Elkford, Sparwood, Fernie, Cranbrook, Creston, Kimberley, Canal Flats, Invermere/Windermere, Radium/Edgewater, and Golden/Field) and one for each of the possible events.

This year APEGBC is offering a \$1,000.00 prize to the Branch with the most student visits prior to May 13th, 2010. This is a great opportunity to capitalize on by winning the prize and investing in the future of our youth and our association at the local level.

Our association offers significant resources to assist with this endeavour; not just the carrot of the prize money.

I hope that you will seriously consider this opportunity to expand the understanding of engineering and geoscience within our communities; and to expand the horizons of our youth. There are also numerous benefits of being a volunteer, including; networking, enhancing corporate reputation, mentoring, involvement in new and fun activities.

Please contact myself by email at [sean@abramcs.com](mailto:sean@abramcs.com) or by telephone at 250-489-8188 (office) to discuss the level of involvement that suits you.

Sincerely,

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