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Dear Educator:

Central Texas Discover Engineering (CTDE) invites you to participate in our local engineering classroom visit program this school year. Our mission is to excite Central Texas K-12 students to pursue careers in math, science, and engineering through in-class, hands-on engineering activities and collaborative, volunteer-driven initiatives of the engineering and education communities.

A classroom visit generally consists of one or more professionals or engineering students leading a fun, age-appropriate, hands-on activity that highlights the value of teamwork, analysis, and the use of math and science in problem solving. Classroom visits can be scheduled to correspond to your instructional needs during the school year. In a school visit, volunteers can work with the students in a single classroom or several or present to an entire grade at once.

During the 2011-2012 school year, we visited over 11,000 students from more than 90 schools in the greater Austin area. The program included 17 different school districts from Jarrell to San Marcos and Bastrop to Fredericksburg plus charter and private schools. We had hundreds of volunteers participate, representing more than 50 different local companies, governmental organizations, professional societies and academic institutions. School visits can be scheduled any time during the 2012 – 2013 school year.

CTDE has provided these fun and engaging programs in the Austin area for almost two decades. We have been recognized for Outstanding Partnership by the Texas Legislative Alliance and have received high praise from local teachers. Here is some of the teacher feedback we have received about the program last year:

*“This has been extremely enjoyable for my classes, both years we have participated. Thanks for getting them excited about engineering!”*

*“The visit went very well due to the wonderful work of these dedicated volunteers.”*

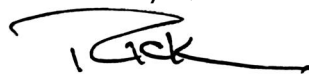
*“Keep up the great work! Our experience was fantastic!”*

*“It was great! The students really enjoyed the engineering activity.”*

Please visit our website at [www.centexeweek.org](http://www.centexeweek.org) to learn more about our program. Click on the Educators page to sign up for a classroom visit or request volunteers for events such as science fairs, career days, or competitions. Once you sign up you'll receive our newsletter with up-to-date information including events, competitions, and opportunities for you and your students. If you have questions, email [schools@centexeweek.org](mailto:schools@centexeweek.org). We hope you will join us as we share the excitement of engineering with the students in our communities.

To help us match your school to our volunteers, please register on our website as soon as possible and no later than **January 18, 2013** to ensure a visit.

Thank you,



Rick McMaster, Ph.D., P.E.  
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