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Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair Welcomes Beal Bank as Title Sponsor

Local bank expands support for excellence in science and mathematics

Dallas, TX— The Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair is pleased to announce Plano-based Beal Bank as sole title sponsor of the event, which provides an annual venue for Dallas-area middle- and high school children to demonstrate their scientific expertise. Since the first Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair in 1958, the event has grown into one of the largest regional student fairs in the United States.

This year, approximately 800 students from eight counties will be judged for creative ability, skill of execution, and thoroughness and clarity of scientific thought by 300 volunteer judges from area businesses, professional organizations and schools. Students in the Junior and Senior divisions (grades 7-12) submit entries in 30 different categories, from math and chemistry to zoology and behavioral and social sciences.

Since its founding, the Fair has shown steadfast commitment to the enhancement of science education, and Beal Bank has been a vital force in this endeavor, having partnered with the Fair in the past to underwrite generous student awards, the student awards banquet, and the trip for Grand Prize winners to the International Fair. In confirming the title sponsorship, Molly Curl, Senior Vice President of Beal Service Corporation, said, "Our founder and President/CEO, Andy Beal, has a deep, well-known passion

for science and mathematics, and we are truly pleased to now serve as title sponsor for such a worthwhile endeavor and to support the growth and development of young students.”

SMU professor of physics Fred Olness continued, saying, “The Science Fair is an essential mission, because the United States faces well-documented shortage of science and engineering teachers and professionals. We are extremely grateful to all our sponsors, including Beal Bank, The Dallas Morning News, Toyota, and SMU.”

The 2006 Beal Bank Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair will take place on Saturday, March 25, in the Automobile Building at Fair Park. The Fair is open for public viewing on Sunday, March 26, 2006, from noon until 4 p.m. For more information, please visit the Fair’s website at www.DallasScienceFair.org or call 214-768-2495.

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