



Attracting Today's Youth to Engineering Professions

- Are you concerned that today's youth is not interested in math and science?
- Are you the parent of an incoming 7th or 8th Grade Student?

Consider sharing your enthusiasm for your profession by recruiting your children's middle school to participate in National Engineers Week Future City Competition. Our local Washington State Steering Committee is here to help you introduce the program to your math and science educators. We have informational packets, an all encompassing presentation and a great web-site (<http://www.ieee-seattle.org/futurecity/index.html>) to help describe the program. We will be happy to set up a meeting with your school and share information about this exciting opportunity for your children.

The Future City Competition is a national program sponsored by the engineering community to promote technological literacy and engineering to middle school students. It is in its 16th year of existence. This is the 10th year the Regional Competition has been held in the State of Washington and the 7th year that it has been hosted by the Seattle Section IEEE in Seattle. The local Regional Competition is organized and managed by a local steering committee and supported financially by local sponsors.

The program fosters an interest in math, science, team building and engineering through hands-on, real world applications. The competition is open to all public, private, home, and parochial schools. The Regional Finals of the Future City Competition will be held in Seattle Washington at the Seattle Center on Saturday, January 19, 2008. The National Finals of the Future City Competition are a featured event during National Engineers Week, with students from across the country competing in Washington, D.C. The winning team from Washington State Regional Competition will advance to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

Interested? Schools need to sign up by mid October, but it is best if the teams get to work as soon as school is back in session. Check out our website and contact Karen Pavletich - the Washington State Regional Coordinator at kpavle@ieee.org or 425-462-3871.

