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Dear Colleague:

On Thursday, April 2, 2009, Argonne National Laboratory will conduct the 22nd "Science Careers in Search of Women" Conference. The Conference will once again focus on exploring opportunities and options for women choosing careers in science and technology. A Conference announcement and an application/student sign-up form are enclosed. **The application/student sign-up form is also available at www.dep.anl.gov/women (for Chicago City High Schools). The deadline for applications is February 13, 2009.** Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a space-available basis. Notifications of acceptance will be sent during the week of February 23, 2009.

We invite you to identify young women students from your school who have not had the opportunity to attend this one-day event. The students need not have clear ideas about future careers but should be those who are interested in science and mathematics. We are aiming our presentations toward sophomores and juniors, but interested freshman and senior students would also be welcome.

The demand for attendance at the Conference is overwhelming. More are turned away than can be accommodated in the format of tour groups, lunch with a scientist, and panel discussions. Because of these factors, we expect that all Conference attendees remain for the entire program. It is not fair to turn away other qualified schools when those accepted do not utilize the full program. As in the past, we are restricting attendance to nine high school women plus one or two teachers/counselors from each high school. Since this announcement is being sent to science and mathematics departments as well as guidance counselors, we ask that the applications be coordinated. **Bus service may be provided for Chicago city high schools unable to schedule transportation to and from the Conference.** Snacks and lunch will be provided to all Conference participants.

The students will be welcome to arrive beginning at 8:30 a.m. and refreshments will be available. From 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., students will have the opportunity to complete individual career and leadership assessments and also view/discuss research posters presented by women scientists and engineers. The official opening of the Conference and keynote address will be at 10:00 a.m. The program will continue with tours of scientific displays and facilities. Following the tours, lunch will be provided and students will have an opportunity to interact with professionals. The afternoon will consist of panel presentations and career booth exhibits. The panels will present information on career options and experiences, particularly as they relate to women in science. After a brief closing plenary session, the Conference will conclude at 4:00 p.m. A tentative schedule of the day's events is also enclosed.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Carol Reynolds at 630-252-4114 or reynolds@dep.anl.gov. We look forward to hosting you and your students at the Conference.

Sincerely,

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