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TEENTECH 2010 IS REWARDED £1000 BY ENGINEERINGUK DURING NATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING WEEK

TeenTech 2010, an event for more than 300 teenagers from 22 Berkshire schools, was today awarded Best Engineering Event 2010 by EngineeringUK in the prestigious National Science and Engineering Week (NSEW) Event Awards, a scheme put together in order to encourage and recognise brilliance and originality in public engagement and science outreach during NSEW.

By inviting a cross section of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) companies to engage young people, aged 12-14, in interesting, hands-on challenges and face-to-face conversations about their various industries, TeenTech 2010 fully embraces the NSEW Event Awards. Organisations such as Institution of Civil Engineers, Institution of Engineering and Technology, IBM, BT and SKY offered engaging activities, including snowboard building and rollercoaster models, to students who otherwise may not come across this subject till an older age. The prize consisting of £1000 will be used to organise an event for NSEW 2011.

TeenTech 2010 beat off stiff competition from activities at London Transport Museum as well as Churchill Museum & Cabinet War Rooms, both featured on the shortlist. Activities at London Transport Museum included students having a chance to design solutions to real engineering and transport planning problems and situations, putting forward their solutions in a Dragon's Den style presentation. At Churchill Museum & Cabinet War Rooms KS3 students had the opportunity to experiment with building model bomb bunkers that were then tested with a model bomb powered by air cannon.

Paul Jackson, Chief Executive of EngineeringUK and NSEW Event Awards judge, said:

“EngineeringUK is delighted to announce TeenTech 2010 the winner of Best Engineering Event at this year's National Science and Engineering Week. Providing a clear link between exciting, hands-on activities and real-life engineering careers prospects at an age when it matters, TeenTech 2010 fuses the energy of industry, business and engineering with the spark of the children.”

Beverley Graves, Joint Managing Director of Central Berkshire EBP who jointly coordinated the day, said:

“We are so proud that TeenTech 2010 has received this prestigious award. It recognises the inspirational involvement of local businesses, institutions and academia sharing their passion for this industry and making a difference in young people’s lives.”

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Notes to Editors

National Science and Engineering Week Event Awards 2010

NSEW Event Awards is a scheme that has been put together by the British Science Association and EngineeringUK in order to encourage and recognise brilliance and originality in public engagement and science outreach during National Science and Engineering Week. The nominated events fall into five categories, including Best Engineering Event, Best Science Event, Outstanding Contribution, Best Primary School Event and Best Secondary School Event. Three events in each category are shortlisted, visited and then judged by a NSEW representative during the week. The winners are awarded prizes of up to £1000 that are to be used to organise an event for NSEW 2011. For more information on all winners and nominated events for NSEW Event Awards 2010 please visit

www.britishscienceassociation.org/web/nsew/GetInvolved/NSEWEventAwards2010.htm

EngineeringUK

EngineeringUK, formerly the ETB, is an independent organisation that promotes the vital contribution of engineers, engineering and technology in our society. EngineeringUK partners business and industry, government and the wider science and engineering community: producing evidence on the state of engineering, sharing knowledge within engineering and inspiring young people to choose a career in engineering, matching employers’ demand for skills. For more information about EngineeringUK please visit www.EngineeringUK.com,

The British Science Association

The British Science Association is the UK’s nationwide, open membership organisation that exists to advance the public understanding, accessibility and accountability of the sciences and engineering. Established in 1831, the British Science Association organises major initiatives across the UK, including National Science and Engineering Week, the annual British Science Festival, programmes of regional and local events, and an extensive programme for young people in schools and colleges. For more information please visit www.britishscienceassociation.org

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