

## **Evonik's Tippecanoe Laboratories Awards \$15,500 To Area Educators Facility Has Donated More than \$280,000 Over Past 15 Years**

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 21, 2010 — Evonik Degussa Corporation's Tippecanoe Laboratories today awarded 16 grants totaling nearly \$15,500 to area educators for the 2010–2011 school year under the company's Partners In Education (PIE) program.

Initiated in 1996 to benefit accredited schools in Tippecanoe County, the Teacher Grant program has funded more than 300 projects totaling more than \$280,000 over the past decade and a half.

Approximately 5,000 students and 150 teachers benefit from PIE programs each year.

“Education is essential for any business, and particularly to a science-oriented company such as Evonik,” said Dr. Hans-Josef Ritzert, Evonik Senior Vice President, Business Line Exclusive Synthesis & Amino Acids. “As a company, we want to help further develop some of the best scientific minds of the next generation.”

Larry McShane, Vice President, Exclusive Synthesis, and general manager of the Tippecanoe site, noted Evonik offers grants up to \$1,000 to help provide students with skills for the jobs of tomorrow in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math. “We consider it an important part of our social responsibility and corporate citizenship to be a part of local communities in a meaningful way. At Evonik, we emphasize education. The students of today are the scientists and researchers of tomorrow.”

Posters of projects funded for the current school year were on display at the event.

During Tuesday's ceremony, Evonik also will honor gifted elementary students who live outside Tippecanoe County under its Junior Scholars program. Five students from Delphi and Monon Elementary Schools as well as Tri-County Intermediate School will participate in week-long academic program on the Purdue campus. Junior Scholars is a

partnership between Evonik Industries, Tippecanoe Laboratories and the Purdue Gifted Education Resource Institute, which actually selected the recipients.

The Partners in Education program helps educators and youth in a variety of ways. In addition, Tippecanoe employees help judge science projects; provide classroom science demonstrations and develop post-demonstration activities for teachers through the Wizard Science program.

The PIE program is overseen by a committee of educators, school administrators, community environmental leaders, and Evonik employees.

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