

Arch Coal Plans Teacher Achievement Awards for West Virginia's 2004-2005 School Year

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CHARLESTON, W.Va./ Aug. 11 - Arch Coal, Inc. will continue its Teacher Achievement Awards program in the upcoming school year, John R. Snider, Arch Coal vice president, external affairs, eastern region, said today.

Ten classroom teachers will receive \$2,500 cash awards from Arch Coal, Snider said.

Nomination forms will be mailed to schools, placed on the Arch Coal Web site (www.archcoal.com), and available at Speedway locations in West Virginia.

The West Virginia Education Association will partner with the company in supporting the awards program and offer, through the West Virginia Foundation for the Improvement of Education (WVFIE), \$1,000 grants to the schools of the winning teachers. This will be the third year WVFIE will make the grants to Arch Coal teacher awards recipients' schools. The West Virginia Department of Education also partners with Arch Coal on the program.

The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards program is the longest running, privately sponsored teacher recognition program in West Virginia.

Arch Coal is one of the nation's largest coal producers and mines clean-burning, low-sulfur coal exclusively. Nearly 2,000 people are employed at Arch's operations in West Virginia. The company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis.