

West Virginians Asked to Nominate State's Best Teachers for Arch Coal Achievement Awards

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Charleston, W.Va. (Sept. 3, 2004) - Arch Coal, Inc. today officially kicked off its Teacher Achievement Awards program, according to John R. Snider, the company's vice president, external affairs, eastern region. The program is the longest-running, privately sponsored teacher recognition program in the state.

Schools throughout West Virginia will begin receiving nomination forms in the next few days, Snider noted. Forms also will be available at Speedway locations and on the Internet at www.archteacherawards.com. The West Virginia Department of Education and the West Virginia Education Association also support the program.

The awards program recognizes classroom teaching excellence. It makes \$2,500 cash awards to 10 deserving teachers in West Virginia each year. In addition, the West Virginia Education Association, through its West Virginia Foundation for the Improvement of Education, will make \$1,000 grants to the schools of the recipients.

Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer 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.