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STEM Council, Kemin Industries Open Call for Nominations

2017 I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher Award accepting nominations of Iowa teachers

DES MOINES, IOWA – (Monday, August 29, 2016) – The Governor's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Advisory Council, in partnership with [Kemin Industries](#), has launched the third year of the I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher Award and will be accepting nominations through Friday, October 14, 2016.

The award recognizes one full-time, licensed K-12 teacher from each of the six STEM regions across the state for their passion in motivating their students to develop a lasting interest in STEM, both in and out of the classroom. The six teachers selected will each receive an award of \$1,500 with an additional \$1,500 for their classroom.

“Over the past two years, it has been inspiring to read about and meet some of the many talented STEM teachers across our state who work in classrooms every day with our students,” said Lt. Gov. Reynolds. “Today's students are directly connected to Iowa's future workforce, and making sure these students are prepared for the challenges ahead is a top priority for the STEM Council. It's extremely important to make sure we are supporting our teachers in every way we can.”

Anyone can nominate a teacher via stemaward.fluidreview.com through the deadline of Friday, October 14, 2016, a shortened timeline than previous years. Once nominated, teachers will fill out an application to be assessed by a panel of judges who will select the six award recipients. Honorees will be announced in spring 2017.

“It is truly an honor to be able to recognize Iowa's STEM teachers for the outstanding work they're doing with Iowa students of all ages,” said Dr. Chris Nelson, Kemin Industries president and CEO and co-chair of the STEM Council. “STEM is a large economic driver for our state, and we appreciate every effort STEM teachers make to convey the endless opportunities that are available in these industries across Iowa.”

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Governor's STEM Advisory Council

Established in July 2011 via Governor's Executive Order, the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is a public-private partnership of educators, companies, and Iowa students and families addressing policies and programs designed to improve Iowa's educational system focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The STEM Council works to engage and prepare students for a career-ready workforce path, regain our State's historic leadership position in education, and provide a vital competitive economic advantage now, and for the future, to ensure that every Iowa student has

access to world-class STEM education opportunities. The 47-member Council is chaired by Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds and Kemin Industries president and CEO Dr. Chris Nelson. For more information, visit www.lowaSTEM.gov.

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