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Dear Educator,

In 2006, the United States Department of Transportation is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Interstate Highway System. As part of this celebration, District 9 of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (TexITE) is holding a poster competition for 5th and 6th grade students. The purpose of this contest is to introduce students to the transportation profession. Enclosed is a flyer that provides additional details about the poster contest and a release form. We would appreciate your assistance in disseminating this information to students that might be interested in participating in this contest.

One of TexITE's goals is to encourage students (K-12) in Texas schools to seek higher education in engineering and science fields, with an emphasis on transportation engineering. We invite teachers to explore the world of transportation and discuss careers in transportation with their students. Transportation engineers are involved with the safe and efficient movement of people and goods throughout the world. They design, construct, and maintain all types of facilities including highways, mass transit systems, pedestrian and bicycle systems, railroads, airports, and waterways. Enclosed are suggested topics for classroom discussion and a brief history of the Interstate Highway System. For more information on careers in transportation and ideas for classroom discussions, please visit the TexITE website (<http://www.texite.org/About/Committees/futureengineers.php>).

Sincerely,

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