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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU TO HOST ENGINEERING DESIGN CONTEST

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University will host its seventh annual Engineering Design Contest, beginning at 9 a.m. with the testing of projects, and ending with an awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31, in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The contest is jointly sponsored by Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) and the Department of Pre-Engineering Studies at Eastern.

More than 260 students from 15 area high schools are expected to compete. Participating schools include Altamont, Casey-Westfield, Catlin, Chrisman, Clinton, Cumberland, Effingham, Eisenhower, Fisher, Kansas, Lanphier, Marshall, Mount Pulaski, Neoga and Saint Joseph-Ogden.

Prior to the competition, students on each school's team will be involved in the designing, building and testing of four different project devices which must match specifications provided in this year's design guide.

The four projects that will be tested this year include a toothpick bridge, a taxi, a launching device and a tractor pull.

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