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Mountain States Hydrogen Business Council

MSHBC Sponsors Albuquerque Public Schools Hydrogen Car Race

The Mountain States Hydrogen Business Council (MSHBC) was a proud sponsor of the Albuquerque Public Schools Energy STARS Alternative Fuels Challenge and Hydrogen Race on April 14, along with Sandia Laboratories, Public Service of New Mexico, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and others. The day long program consisted of several competitions: an essay contest, team oral presentations, a hydrogen fuel cell model car design competition and a fuel cell car drag race. Twenty teams from Albuquerque middle schools competed. Prior to the event, each team was given a small PEM fuel cell and an electrolyzer kit. The student teams then constructed their models under a set of specific rules with regard to components and overall dimensions. During the race, models could only be fueled with hydrogen generated from their electrolyzer at a separate charging station.

Trophies, as well as grants for energy efficiency projects for the sponsoring schools were given in each competition category, as well as an overall competition winner (Cleveland Middle School). The MSHBC also provided a volunteer judge for the event.

The Mountain States Hydrogen Business Council (MSHBC) is a 501 (c) 6 non profit association representing a diverse membership of industry, academic, and government leaders whose aim is to build a business base for hydrogen energy in the mountain states of the US southwest, including but not limited to Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah. Contact Gerry Runte, President, gerry.runte@mountainstateshydrogen.com; MSHBC website: www.mountainstateshydrogen.com.