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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) currently is inviting school administrators to nominate teachers for a unique professional development experience, the 12th annual AGI/ExxonMobil Exploration Teacher Leadership Academy. Each year, K-8 teachers from around the country meet in Houston for the weeklong Teacher Leadership Academy, in which they learn Earth science content, explore hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) activities, gain real-world science experiences, and begin their journey as STEM education leaders.

Funding from ExxonMobil and AGI covers academy-related costs for the selected teachers, including travel within the United States to Houston, meals, lodging, and educational materials. During the academy participants interact with their peers from other states, develop specialized skills and knowledge for teaching Earth and space science, and develop plans for presenting effective teacher workshops to other educators.

Academy participants are asked to commit to leading one or more post-academy professional development experiences, which can be a workshop, conference presentation, and/or another type of event that helps enhance the geoscience and STEM teaching knowledge and skills of other educators.

AGI welcomes nominations of teachers from all states and school systems serving U.S. students, including those that are part of the Department of Defense (DODEA) network. Application reviews will begin in the beginning of April 2020. AGI will continue to accept and review applications until all spaces are filled.

To nominate one or more teachers, administrators should send an email with the nominee names and email addresses to the Teacher Leadership Academy email address (tla@americangeosciences.org). Learn more about the Teacher Leadership Academy online.

About AGI

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is a nonprofit federation of more than 50 scientific and professional associations that represents more than a quarter-million geoscientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides geoscientists with access to scholarly information, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and health of the environment.

AGI is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

The American Geosciences Institute represents and serves the geoscience community by providing collaborative leadership and information to connect Earth, science, and people.

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