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## Earth Science Teaching Prize Eligibility Expanded

Alexandria, VA – More teachers than ever before are now eligible to win The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) Edward C. Roy, Jr. Award for Excellence in K-8 Earth Science Teaching. In addition to U.S. teachers, instructors throughout the United Kingdom now have the opportunity to compete for the prize.

This award recognizes one full-time teacher from kindergarten to eighth grade, or the U.K. equivalent, for leadership and innovation in Earth science education. The winner will receive a \$2,500 prize (USD) and a travel grant of \$1,000 (USD) to attend the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Annual Conference in March 2012 to accept the award. **Applications for the 2012 competition must be postmarked by January 10, 2012.**

This award is named in honor of Dr. Edward C. Roy, Jr., a past president of AGI, who was a strong and dedicated supporter of Earth science education. To learn more, U.S. residents should visit <http://www.agiweb.org/education/awards/ed-roy>. U.K. residents should visit <http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/page10928.html>.

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The American Geosciences Institute is a nonprofit federation of 50 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 250,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, 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 interaction with the environment.