Arch Coal Teacher Awards Program Begins Fifth Year in Wyoming

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Wright, Wyo. (Sept. 3, 2004) - Arch Coal, Inc. today officially kicked off the fifth year of its Teacher Achievement Awards program in Wyoming, according to Greg Schaefer, the company's vice president, external affairs, western region.

Schaefer said schools throughout the state will begin receiving nomination forms in the next few days, and that forms also will be available at MiniMart stores, Taco John's locations, and on the Internet at www.archteacherawards.com. The Wyoming Governor's Office, the Department of Education, and the Wyoming Education Association also support the program.

The awards program recognizes classroom teaching excellence. It makes \$2,500 cash awards to 10 deserving teachers in Wyoming each year.

Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer and employs approximately 850 people in Wyoming. In 2003, Arch Coal's Wyoming operations produced nearly 90 million tons of clean-burning, low-sulfur coal. The company's Black Thunder operation in Campbell County is one of the nation's largest and most efficient coal mines. Arch Coal is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.